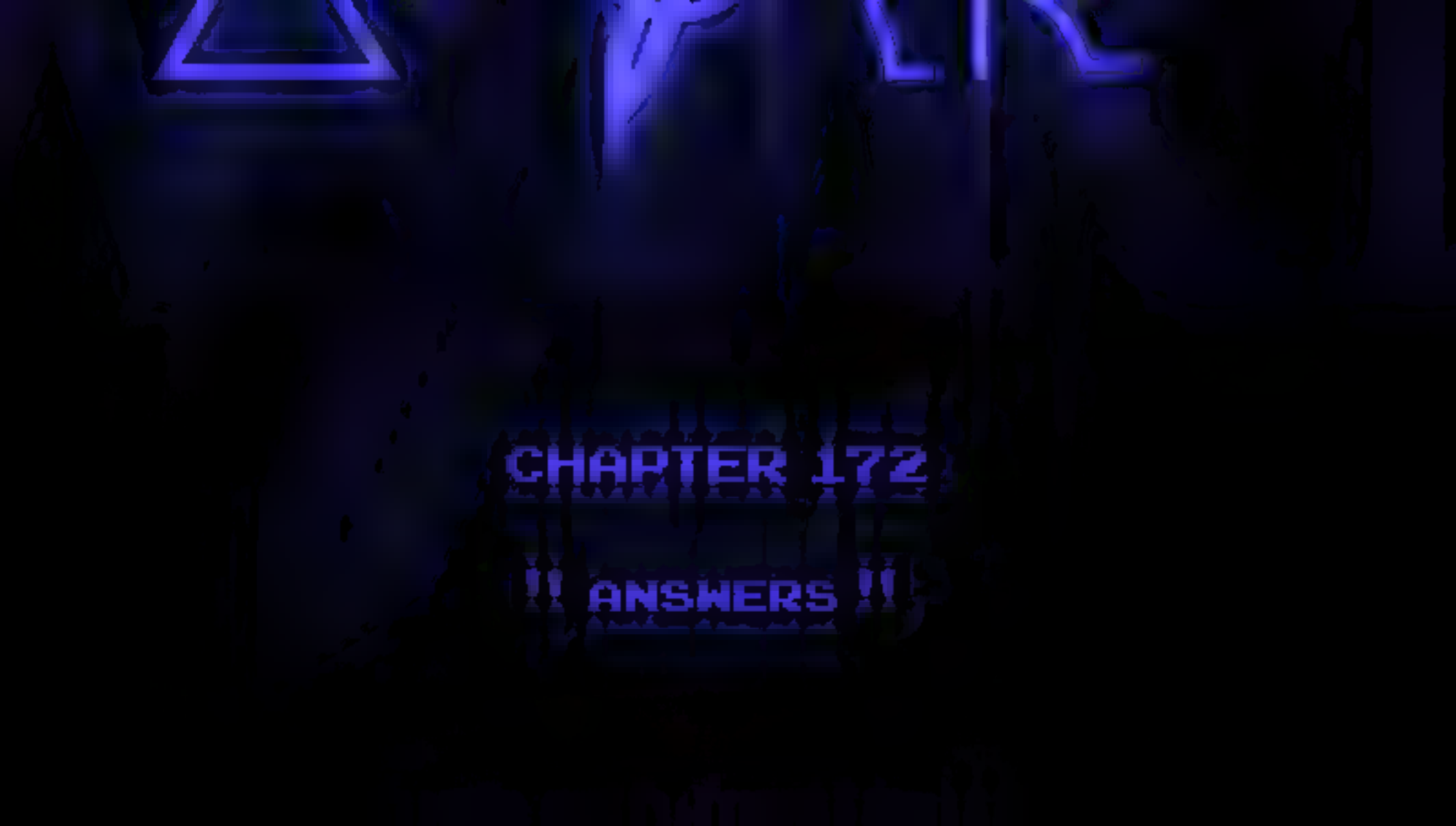
IRO!
AMIGO MIO!

SHIT! SHIT!

SHIT!
HE SAW ME!

HEY!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!! ANSWERS !!

STORY/ART TOONIMATED

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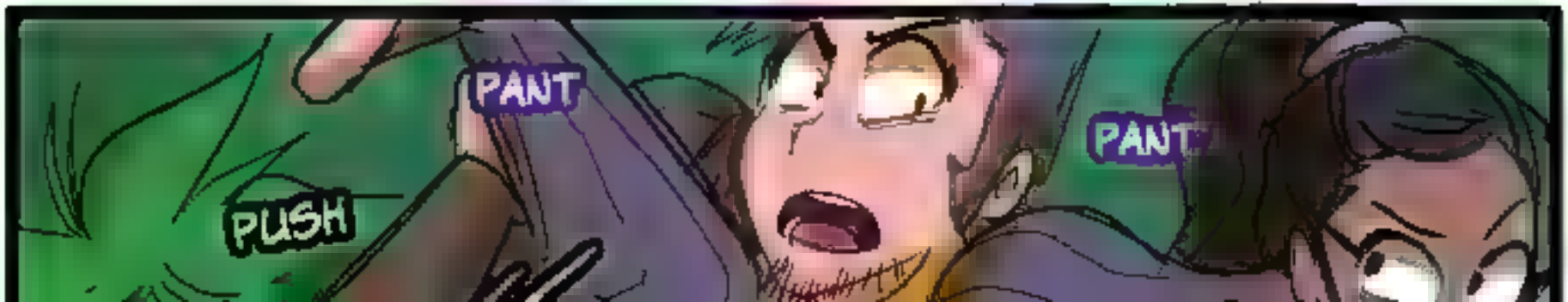
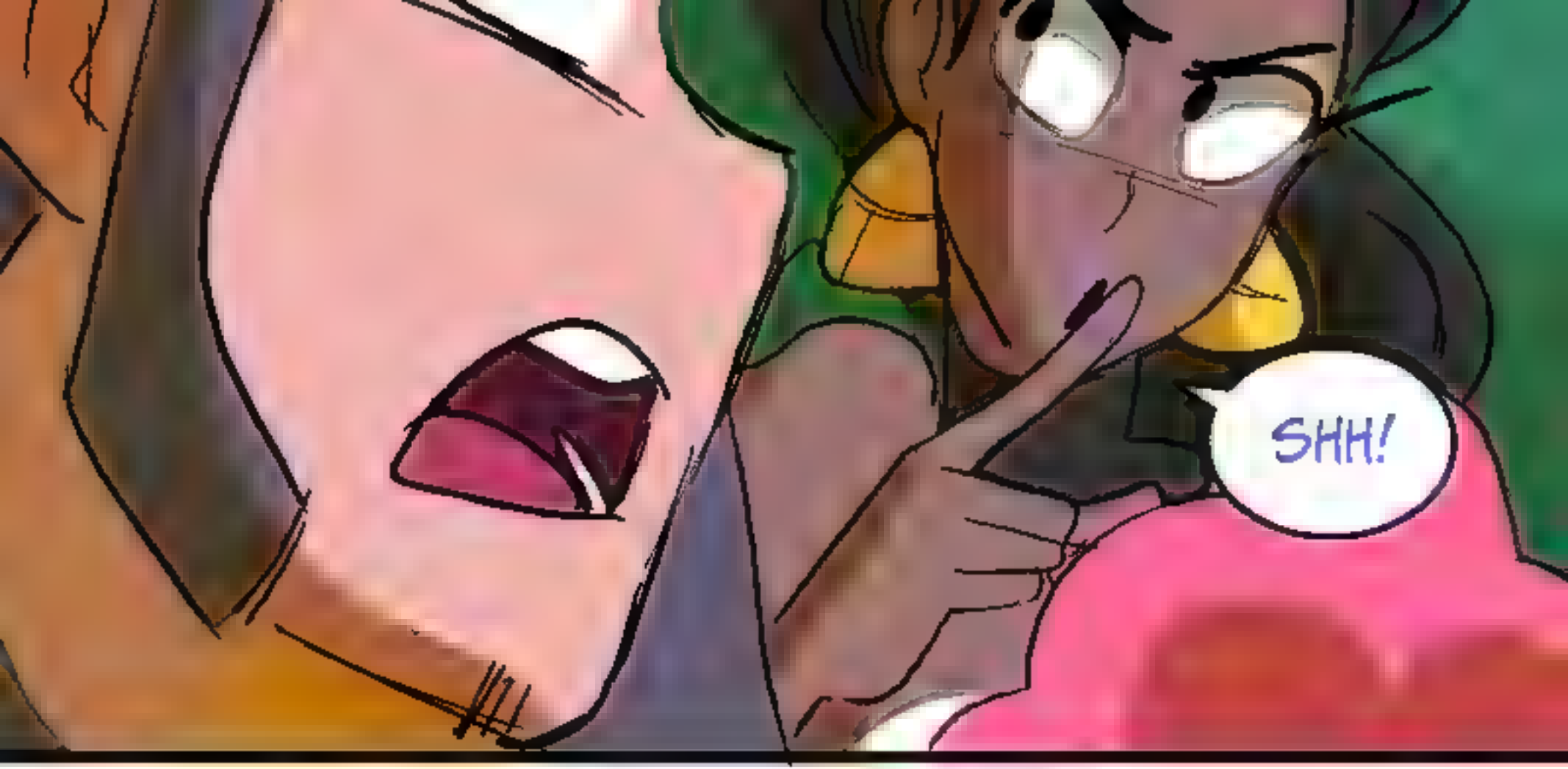


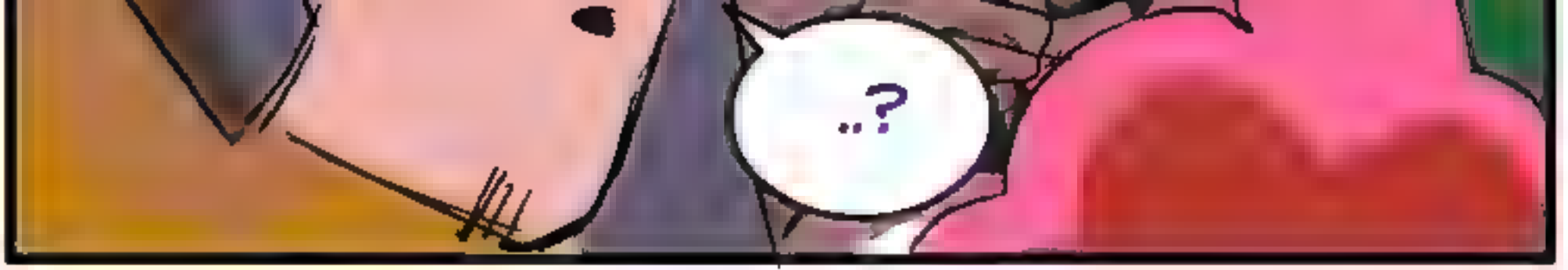
NEPHTHYS! I TOLD YOU THIS A BAD IDEA!
NOW WHAT ARE WE SUPP-

OSED TO DO
MISS KNOW
IT ALL?


SHH!

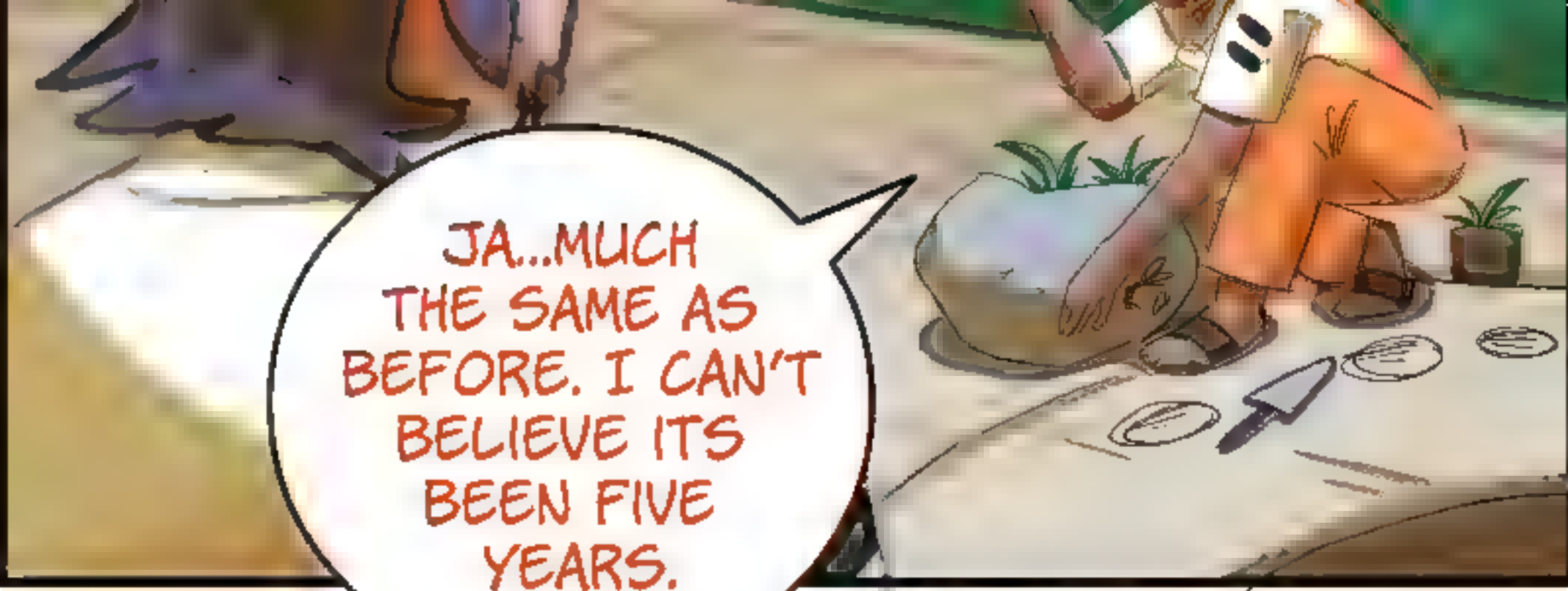
BEEN A WHILE! HOW ARE YOU DOING?

HOW AM I DOING? HOW ARE YOU DOING?



HOW DOES
IT FEEL TO BE
FIRST IN COMMAND

IN THE BARD CLASS?

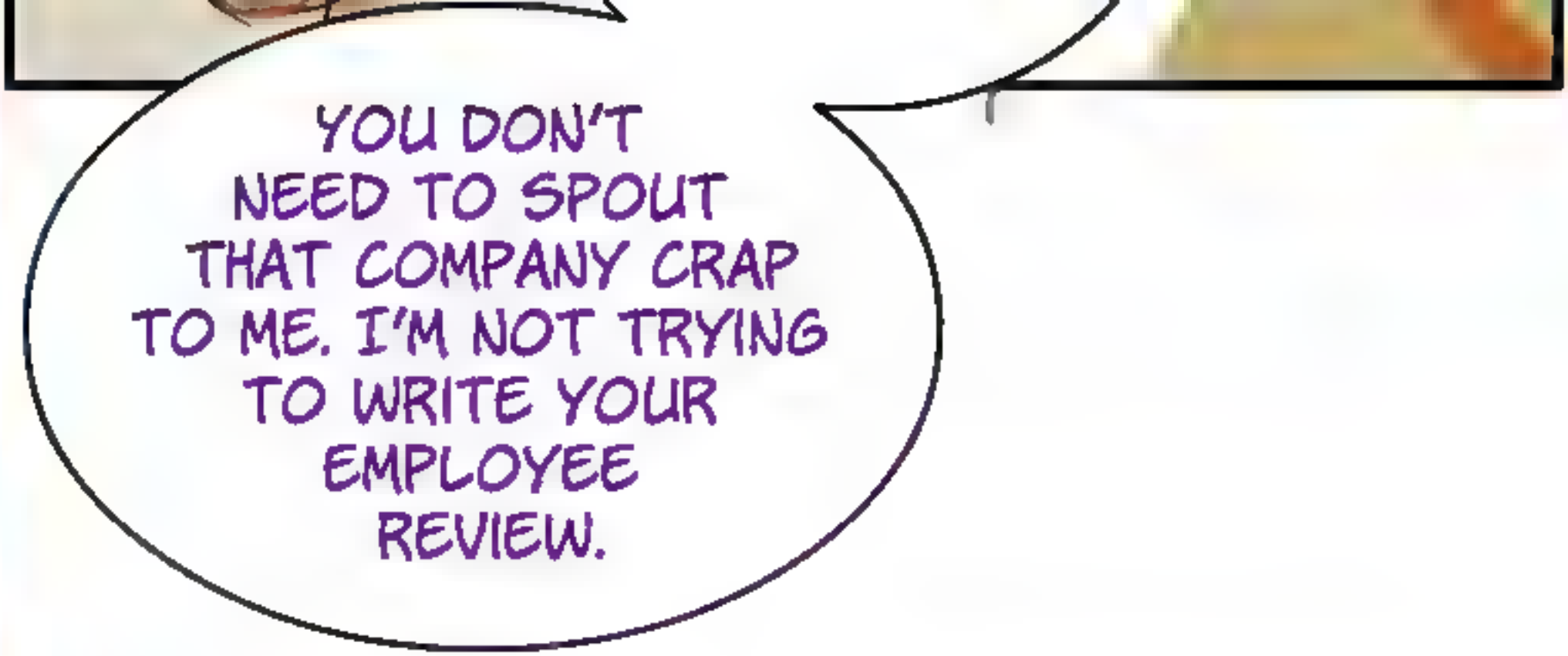

JA...MUCH THE SAME AS BEFORE. I CAN'T BELIEVE ITS BEEN FIVE YEARS.

IT FEELS
LIKE JUST
YESTERDAY

I JOINED VSC.

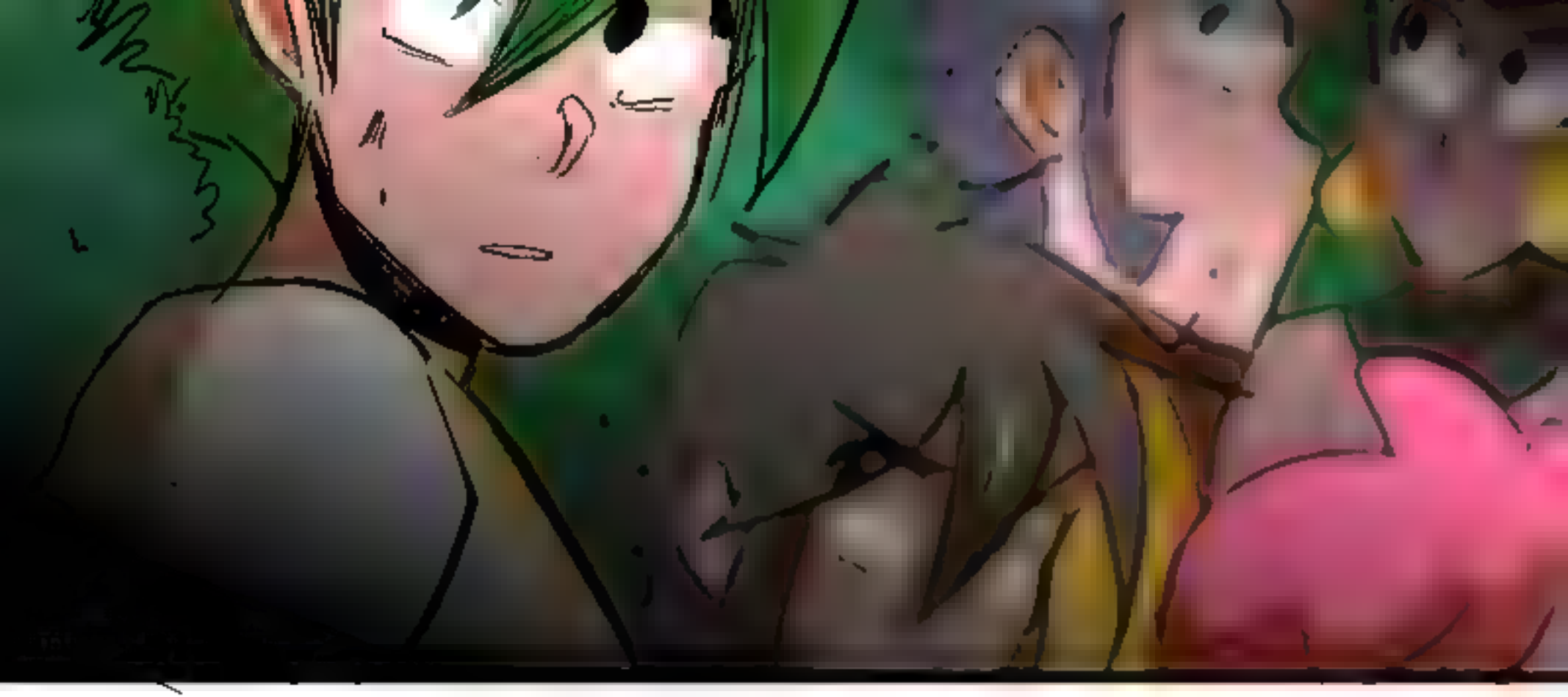
I'M FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR THIS OPPOR-TUNITY...

AH, HAH, YOU'RE ALWAYS SO NICE AND POLITE DON, BUT RELAX!



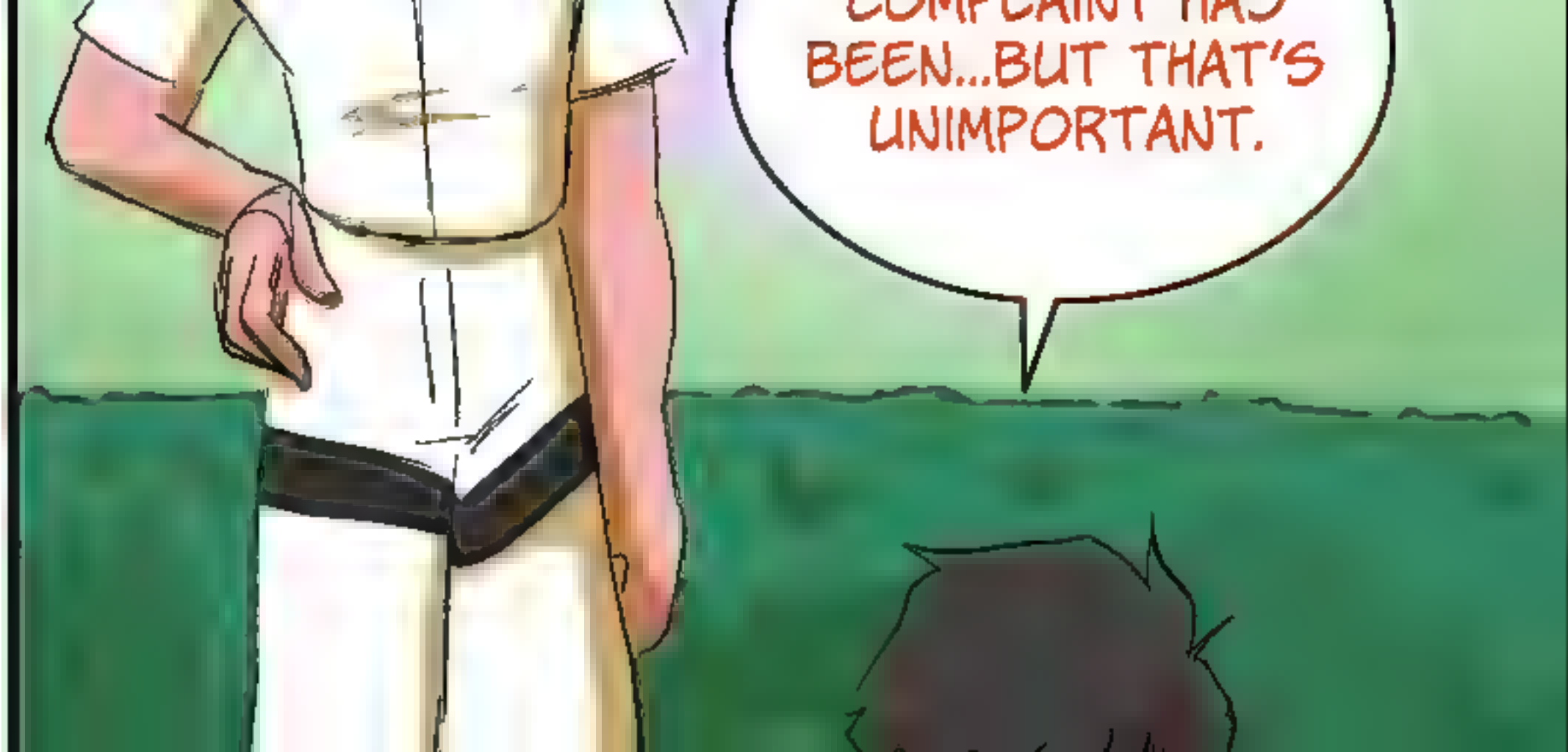
SEEMS LIKE AMELIA

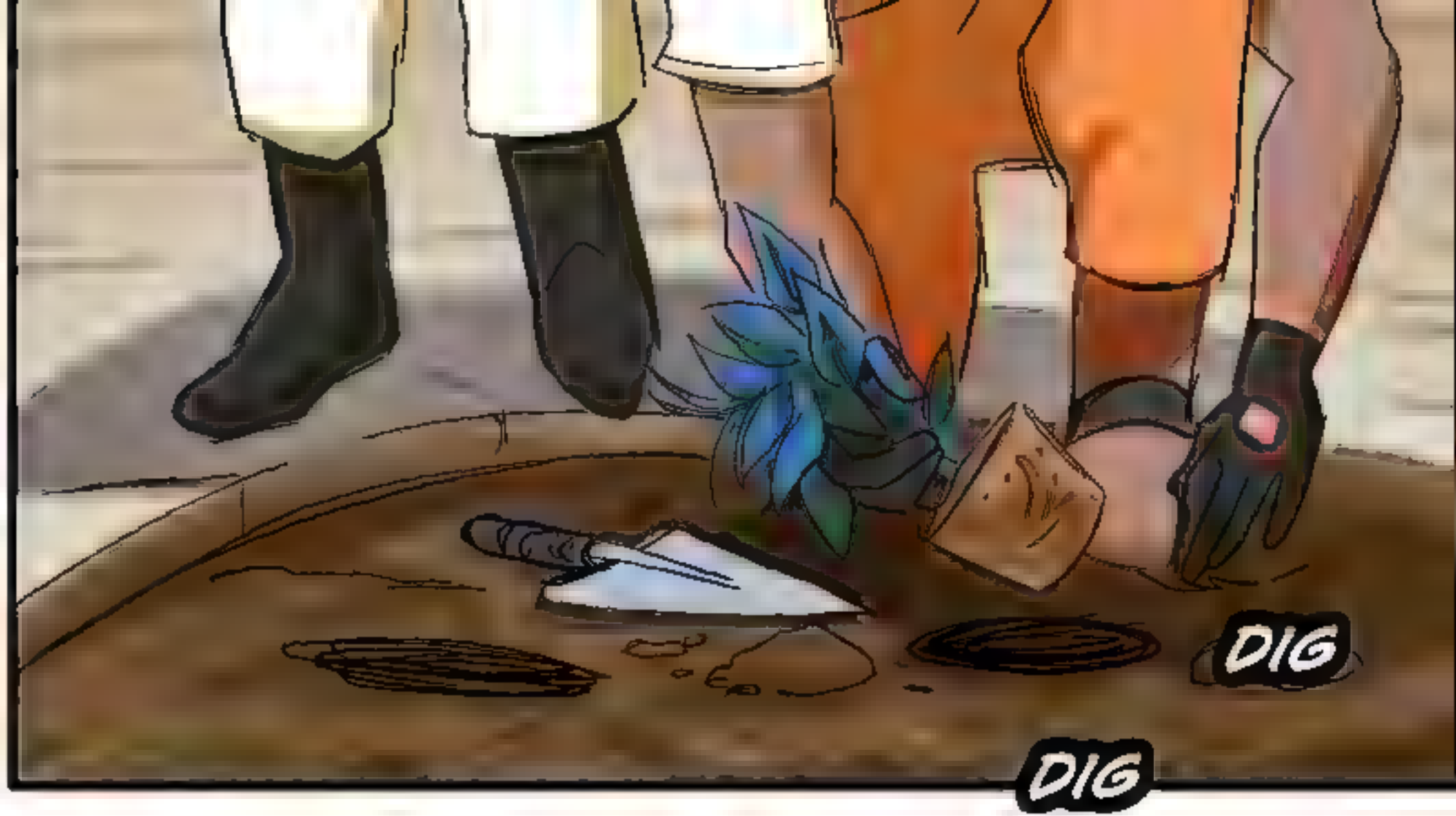
RECRUITED DON TO
JOIN THE VSC IN
THIS TIMELINE.



I'M NOT JUST BEING POLITE AMIGO. I REALLY HAVE HAD A WONDERFUL

A WONDERFUL
TIME HERE IN
THE VSC.
MY ONLY


COMPLAINT HAS BEEN...BUT THAT'S UNIMPORTANT.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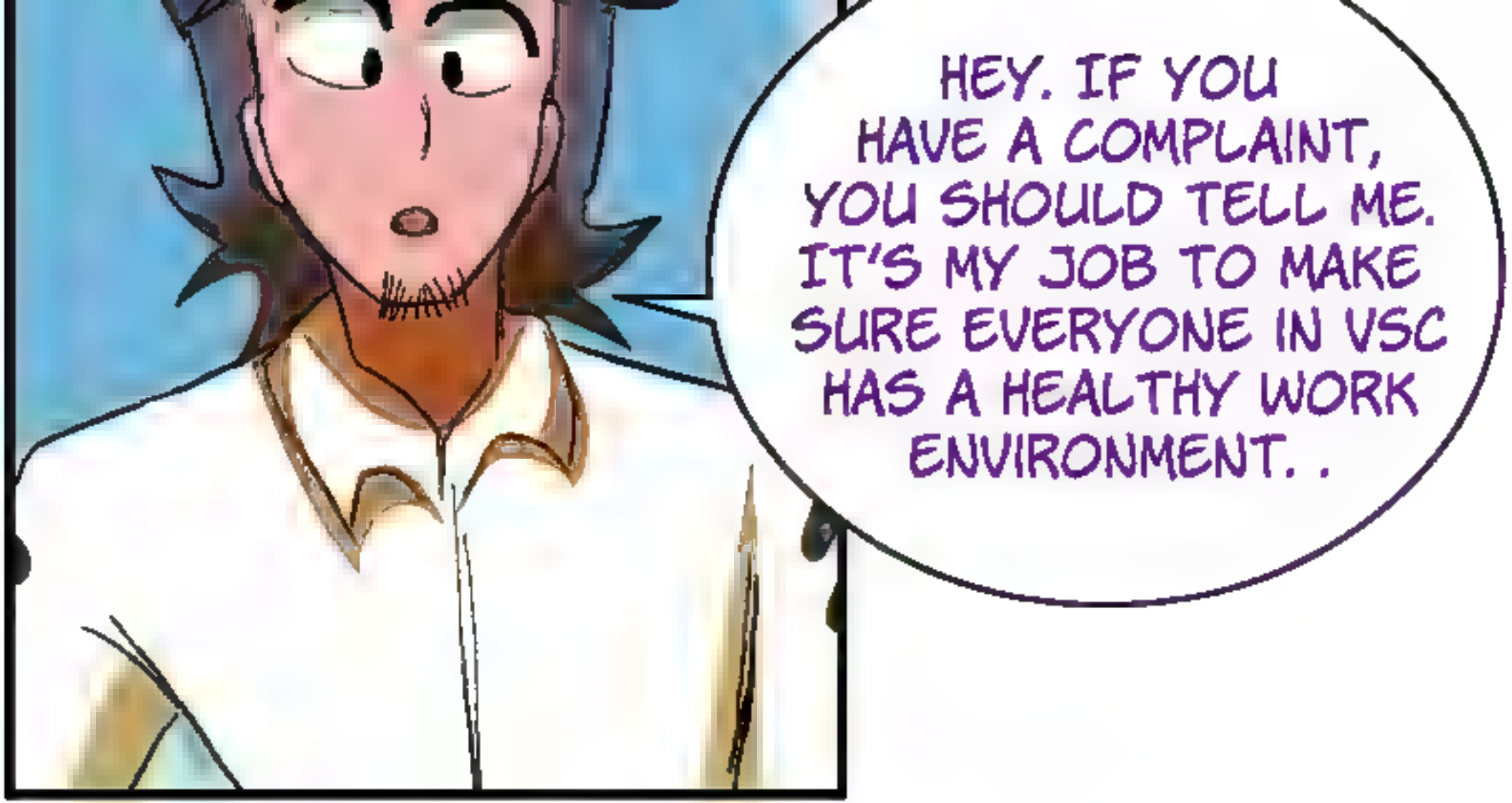
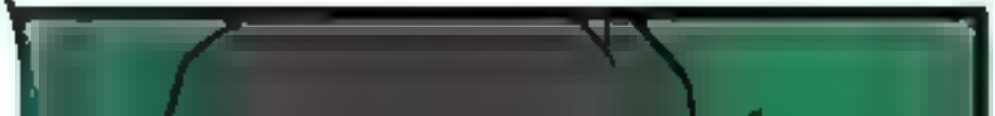
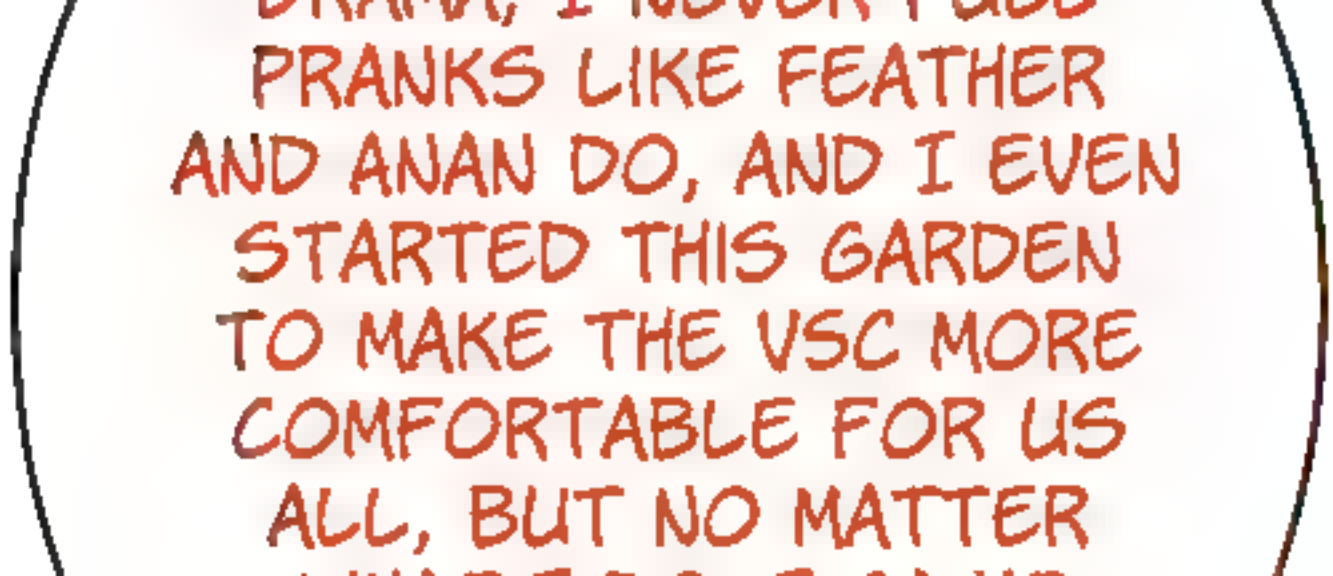

HEY. IF YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT, YOU SHOULD TELL ME. IT'S MY JOB TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE IN VSC HAS A HEALTHY WORK ENVIRONMENT. .

IF YOU MUST KNOW, IT'S AMELIA I'M



IT'S AMELIA I'M WORRIED ABOUT.
EVEN AFTER FIVE YEARS OF LOYAL SERVICE, I HAVE STILL NOT GAINED HER TRUST.

I STAY OUT
OF THE OFFICE
DRAMA. I NEVER PULL


DRAMA, I NEVER PUSH
PRANKS LIKE FEATHER
AND ANAN DO, AND I EVEN
STARTED THIS GARDEN
TO MAKE THE VSC MORE
COMFORTABLE FOR US
ALL, BUT NO MATTER

WHAT I DO, I CAN'T SEEM TO GET ON HER GOOD SIDE.

I WISH I
KNEW WHAT TO DO
TO GET HER TO LIKE ME.

HER TRUST WOULD MEAN THE WORLD AND I'D DO ANYTHING TO EARN IT. I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.

FOR WHAT IT'S

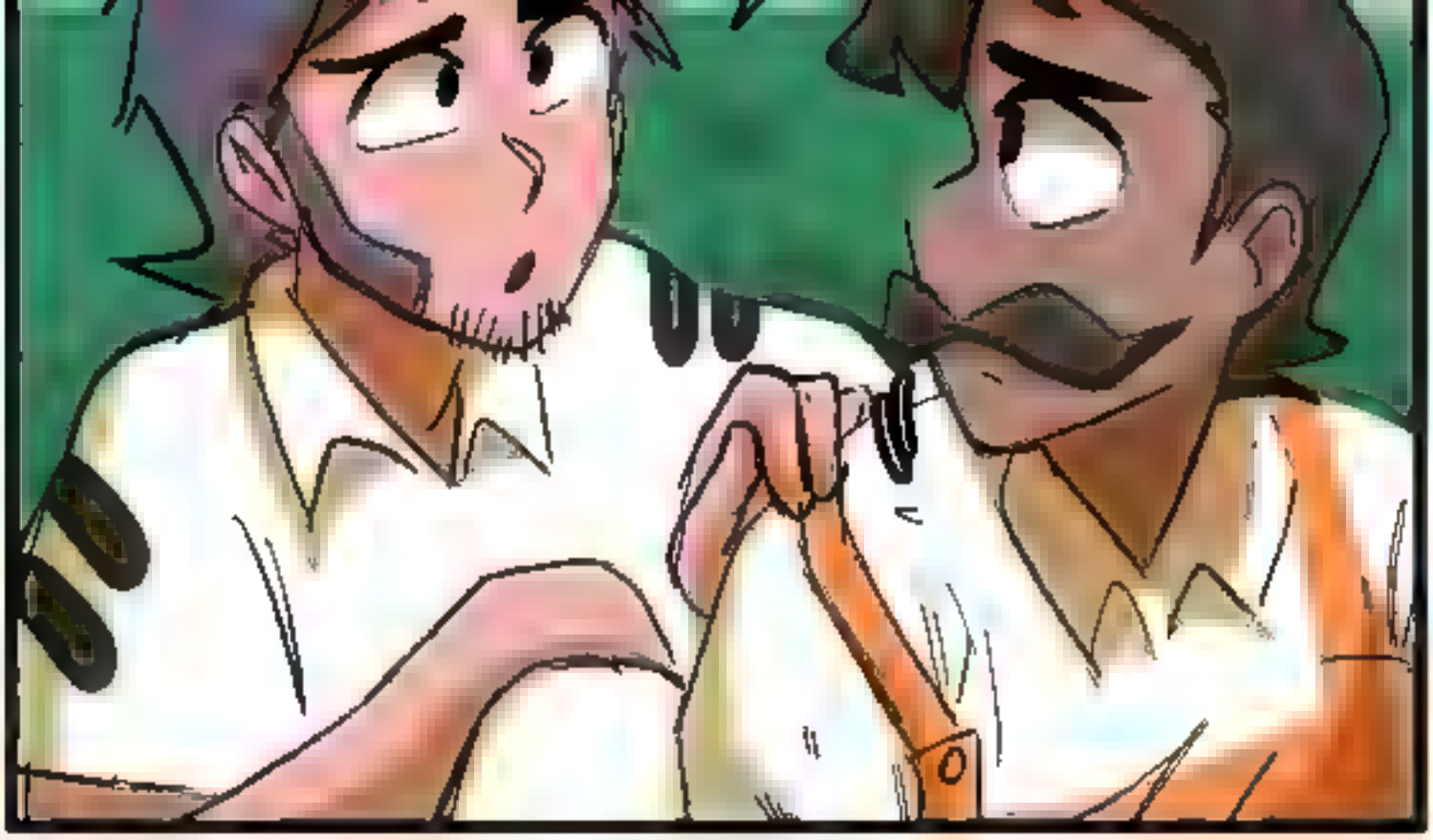
WORTH, I DON'T BELIEVE YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH OUR MISSING SON.

BUT AMELIA... YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND, YOU'RE HER ONLY LEAD.

ONE DAY I'M SURE SHE'LL SEE SHE WAS WRONG ABOUT YOU, BUT IT'S GOING TO TAKE HER A WHILE... SHE DOESN'T WANT TO GIVE UP ON HIM.

IT'S NOT
FAIR THOUGH.
YOU'RE ONE OF
US AND AFTER

US, AND AFTER
WHAT HAPPENED TO
YOUR OWN FAMILY...
YOU DESERVE
BETTER.



MY FAMILY
YES...THEY

WERE EVERY-
THING TO ME.

BUT I'M GRATEFUL AT LEAST THAT I WAS WELCOMED INTO THIS NEW FAMILY...THE VSC.

IT FEELS AMAZING TO BE ABLE TO PROTECT PEOPLE FROM THE ANOMALIES AND MONSTERS THAT TOOK MY FAMILY AWAY.

I WOULDN'T WANT TRAGEDIES LIKE MINE TO HAPPEN TO OTHER PEOPLE...

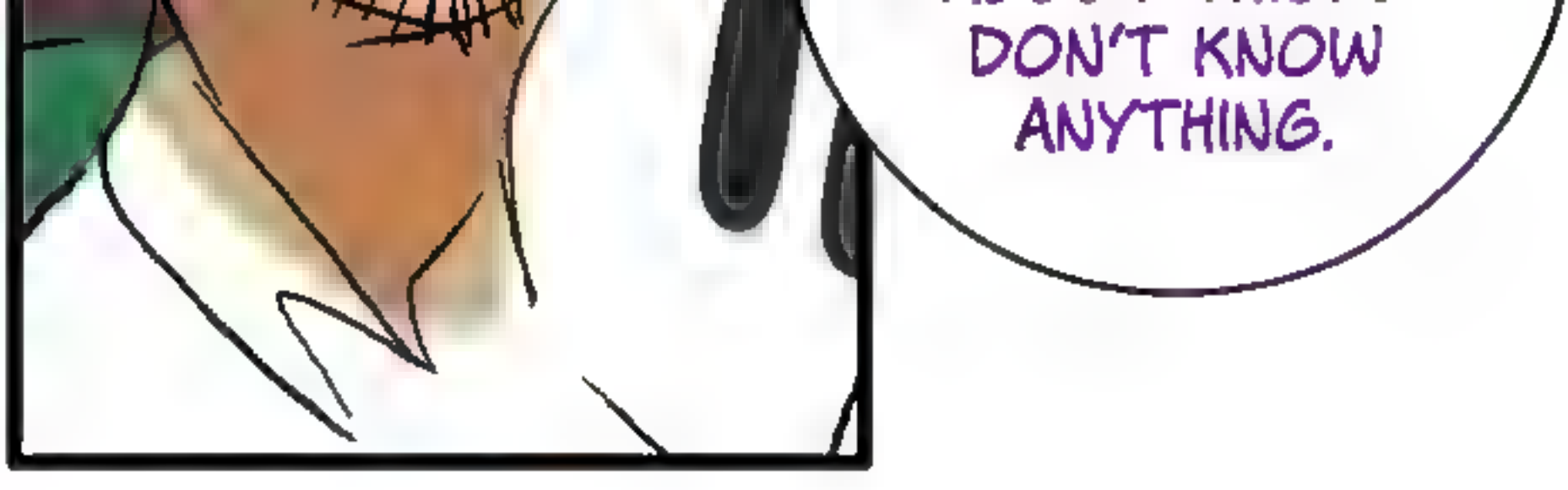
BUT I'D
STILL APPRECIATE
IT IF YOU COULD

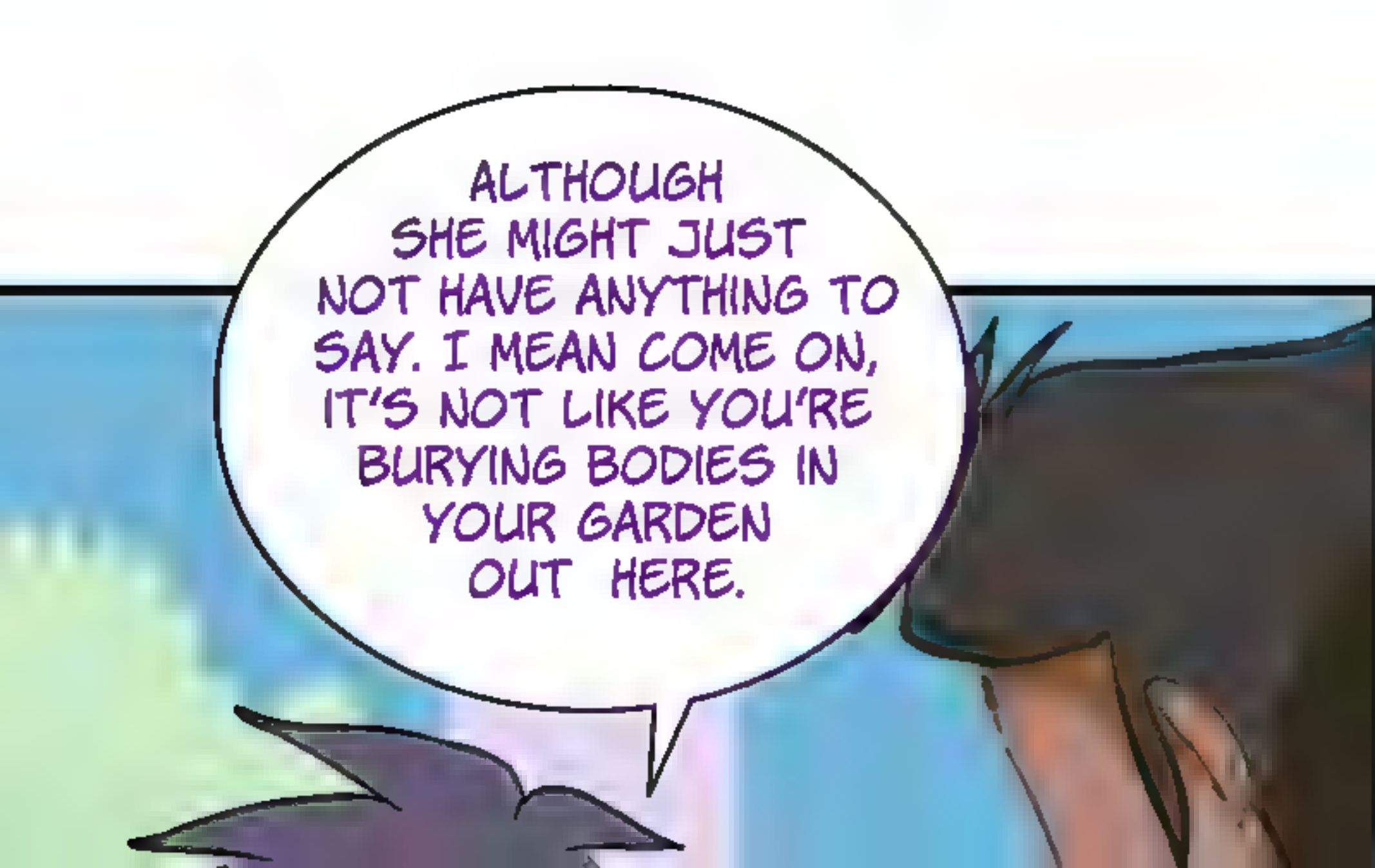
TALK TO HER, AMIGO.

PUFF

PUFF

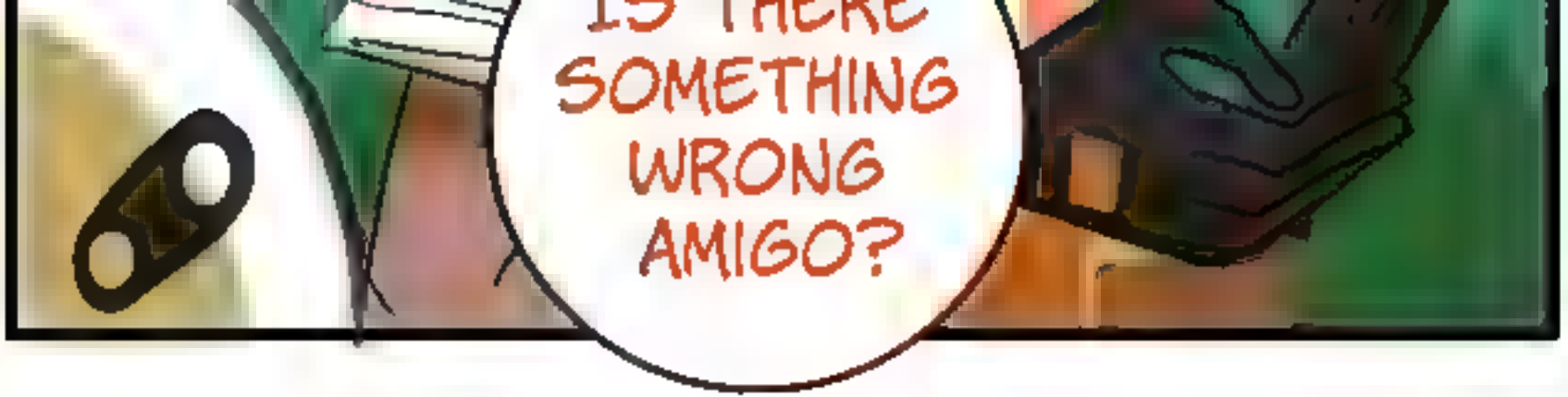
I ALREADY DID. BUT I SWEAR SHE'S KEEPING ME IN THE DARK ABOUT THIS. I

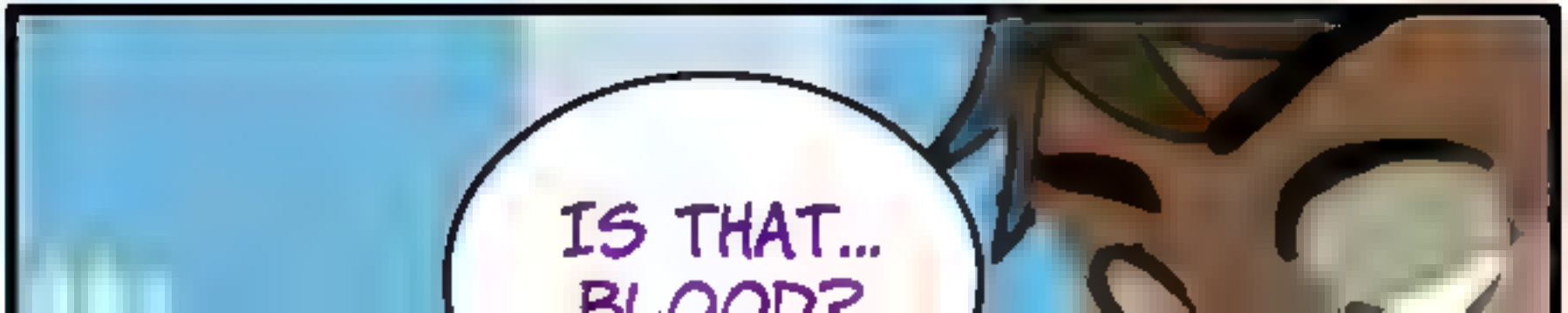

DON'T KNOW
ANYTHING.


ALTHOUGH SHE MIGHT JUST NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY. I MEAN COME ON, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE BURYING BODIES IN YOUR GARDEN OUT HERE.

WAIT A MINUTE...

IS THERE

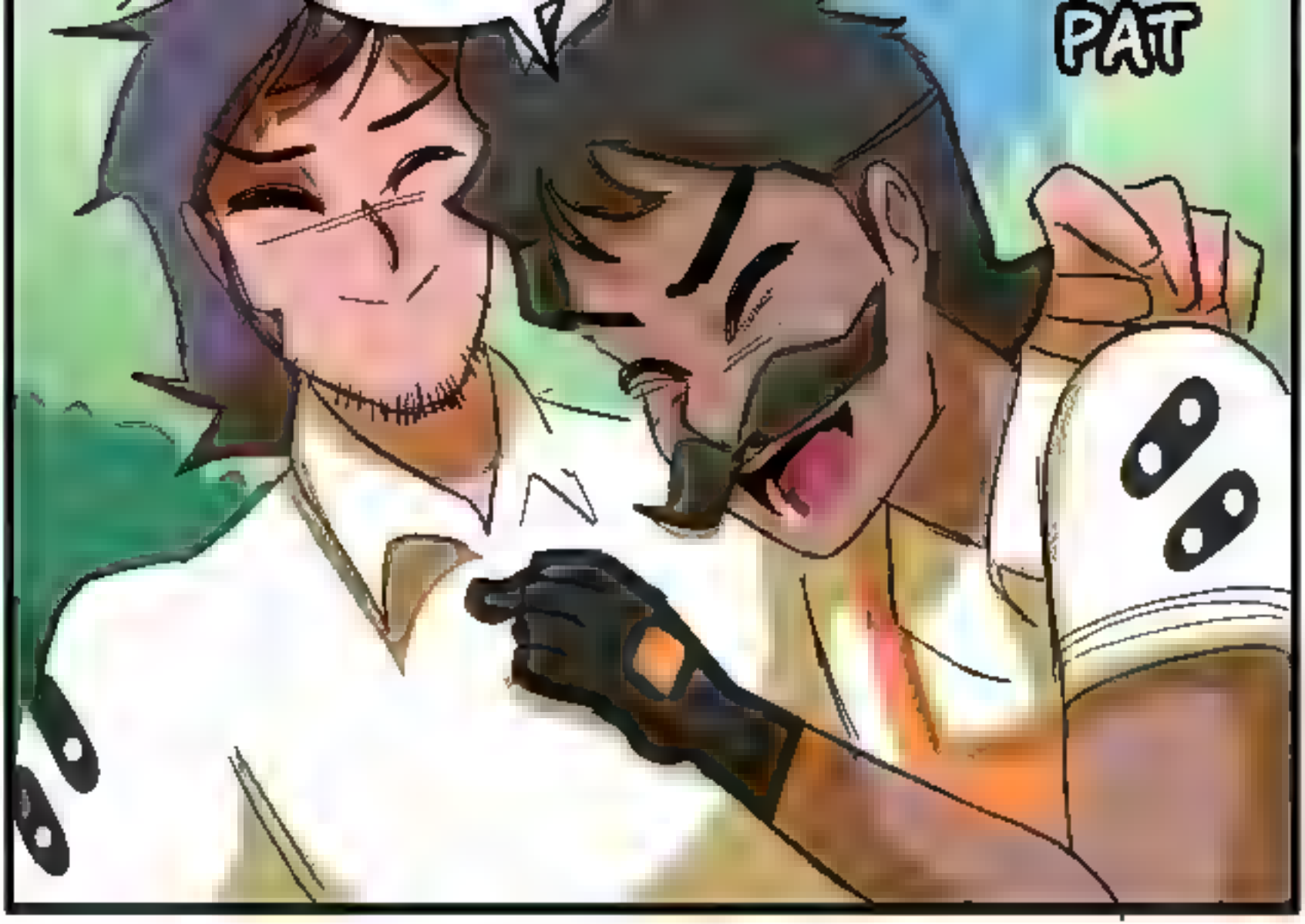

IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG AMIGO?


IS THAT... BLOOD?

NO! I...

GOTCHA!!!

JA! YOU AND YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR!


PAT

SPEAKING OF, WHERE ARE YOUR TOMATOES? WE HAVE TO HAVE

SOME FOR THE VICTORY BANQUET TONIGHT!

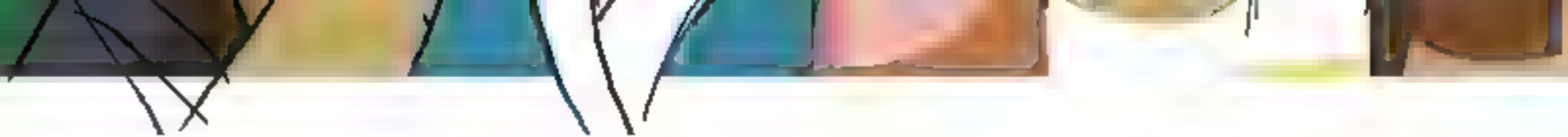
AH YES!

I'VE GOT A NEW KIND IF YOU'D LIKE TO TRY IT!
TAK

TAK
TAK

ARE THEY
...GONE?

I THINK SO.



WE NEED
TO GET OUT
OF HERE.

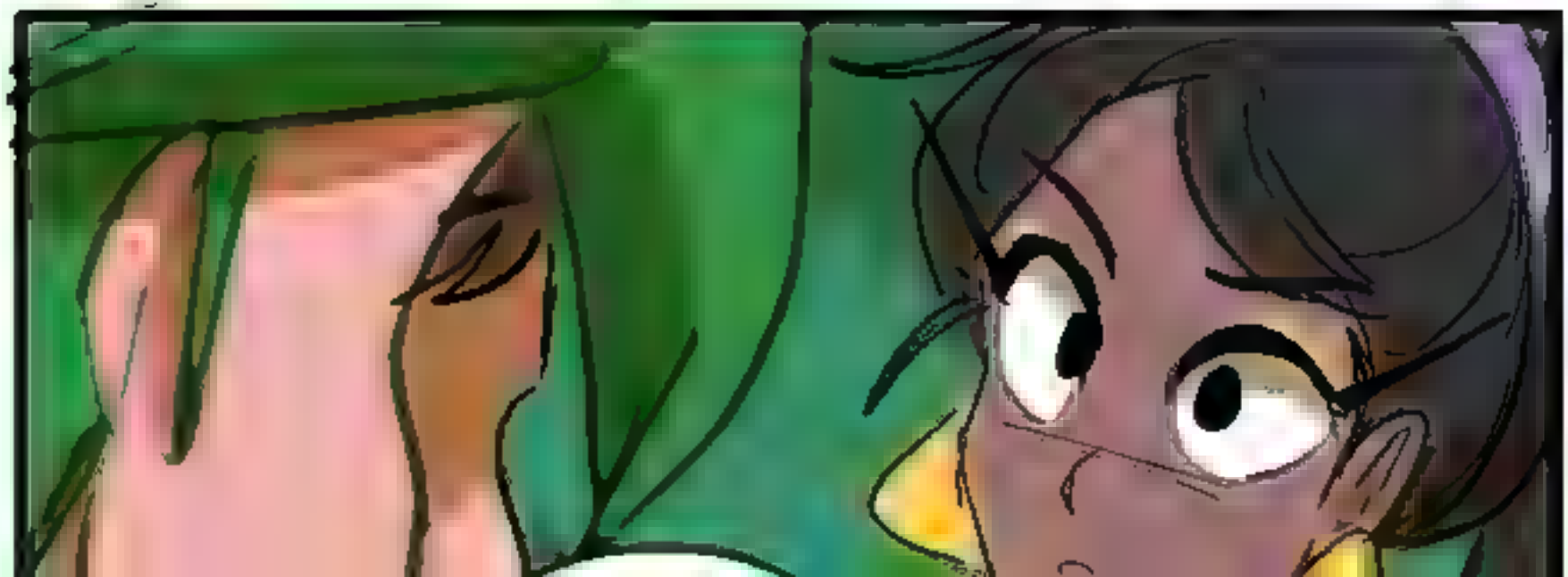
THIS PLACE IS TOO PUBLIC.

WE SHOULD
FIND THE OTHER

NEPH, SHE HELPED US OUT LAST TIME.

CAN YOU SENSE

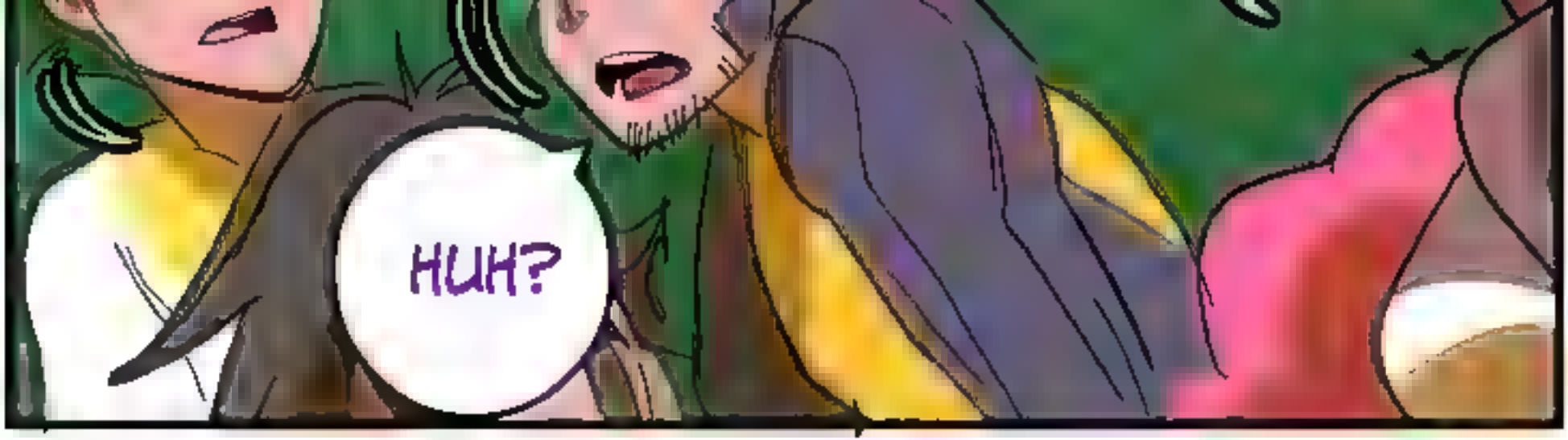
YOURSELF?



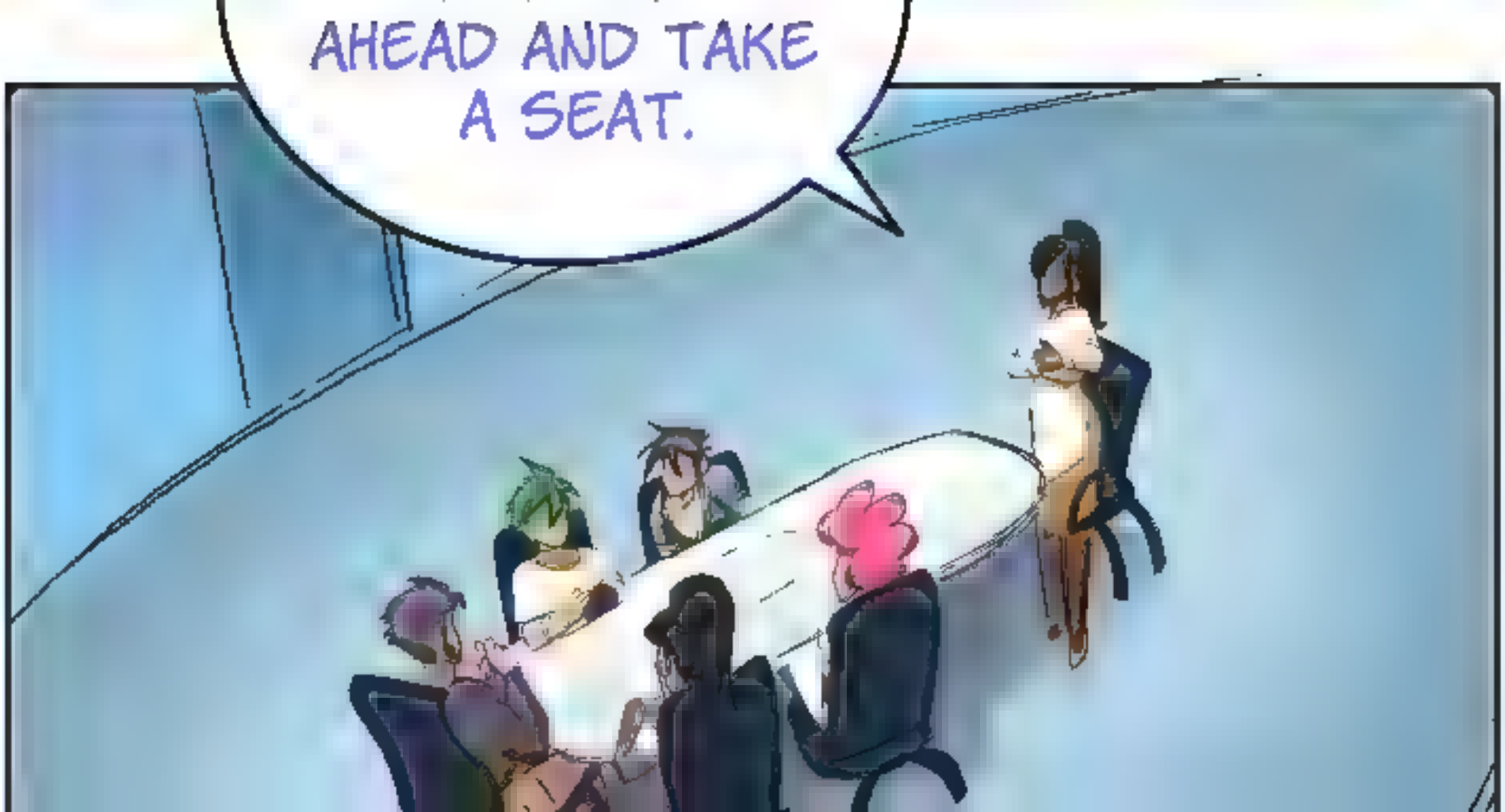
Y-YES
HOW DID-
WE NEED TO
BLEND IN. THESE
OUTFITS LOOK

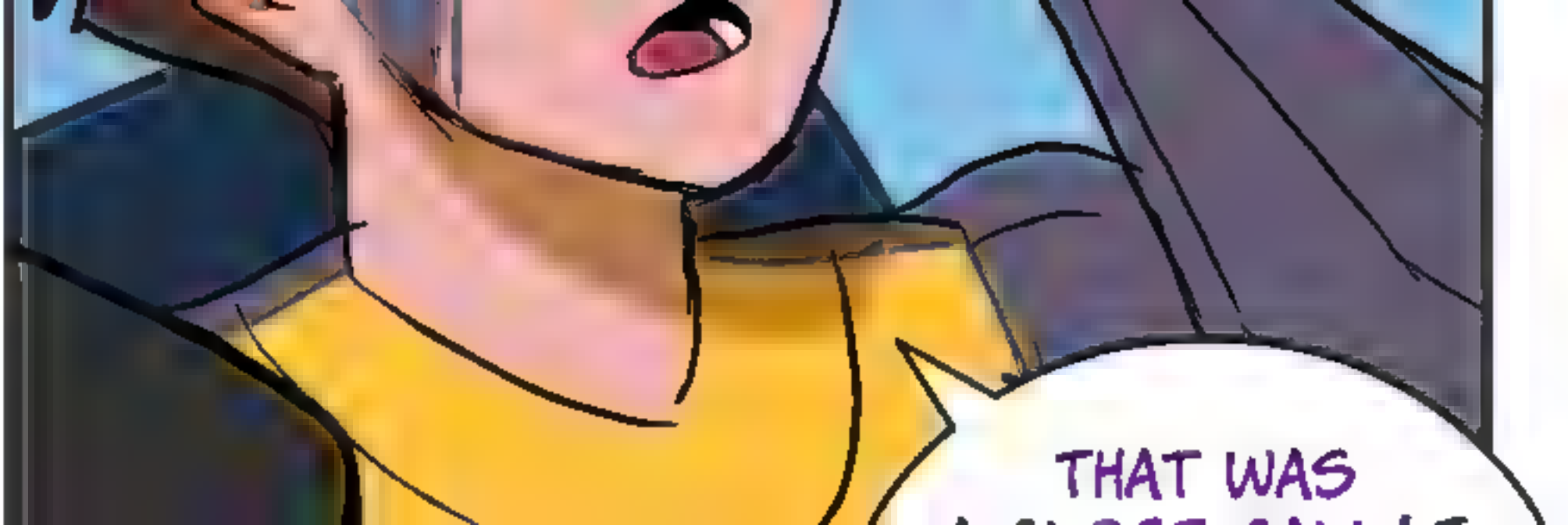
RIDICULOUS! WE STICK OUT LIKE A SORE THUMB!

REALLY? I THINK THAT OUTFIT LOOKS CUTE ON YOU!


HUH?

WE SHOULD BE SAFE HERE, SO YOU CAN GO


AHEAD AND TAKE
A SEAT.


THAT WAS

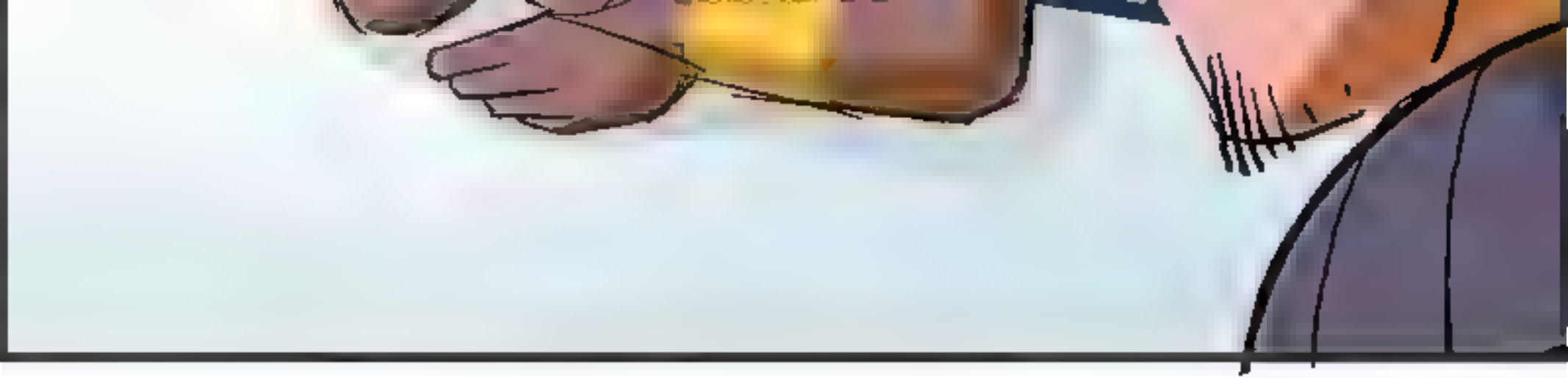
A CLOSE CALL! I REALLY THOUGHT WE'D SCREWED UP BIG TIME BACK THERE.

BUT NOW THAT WE'RE HERE, WE SHOULD TRY AND FIGURE OUT WHAT

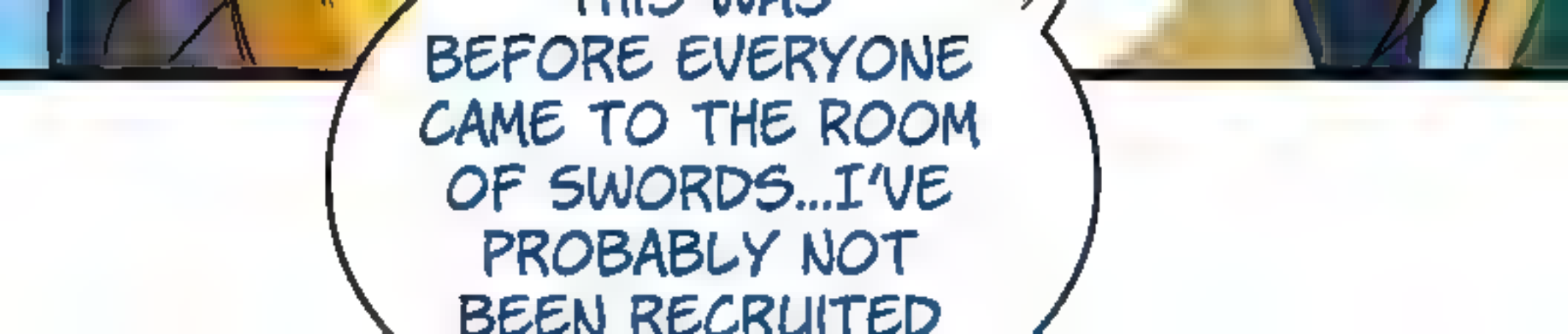
JUST HAPPENED.

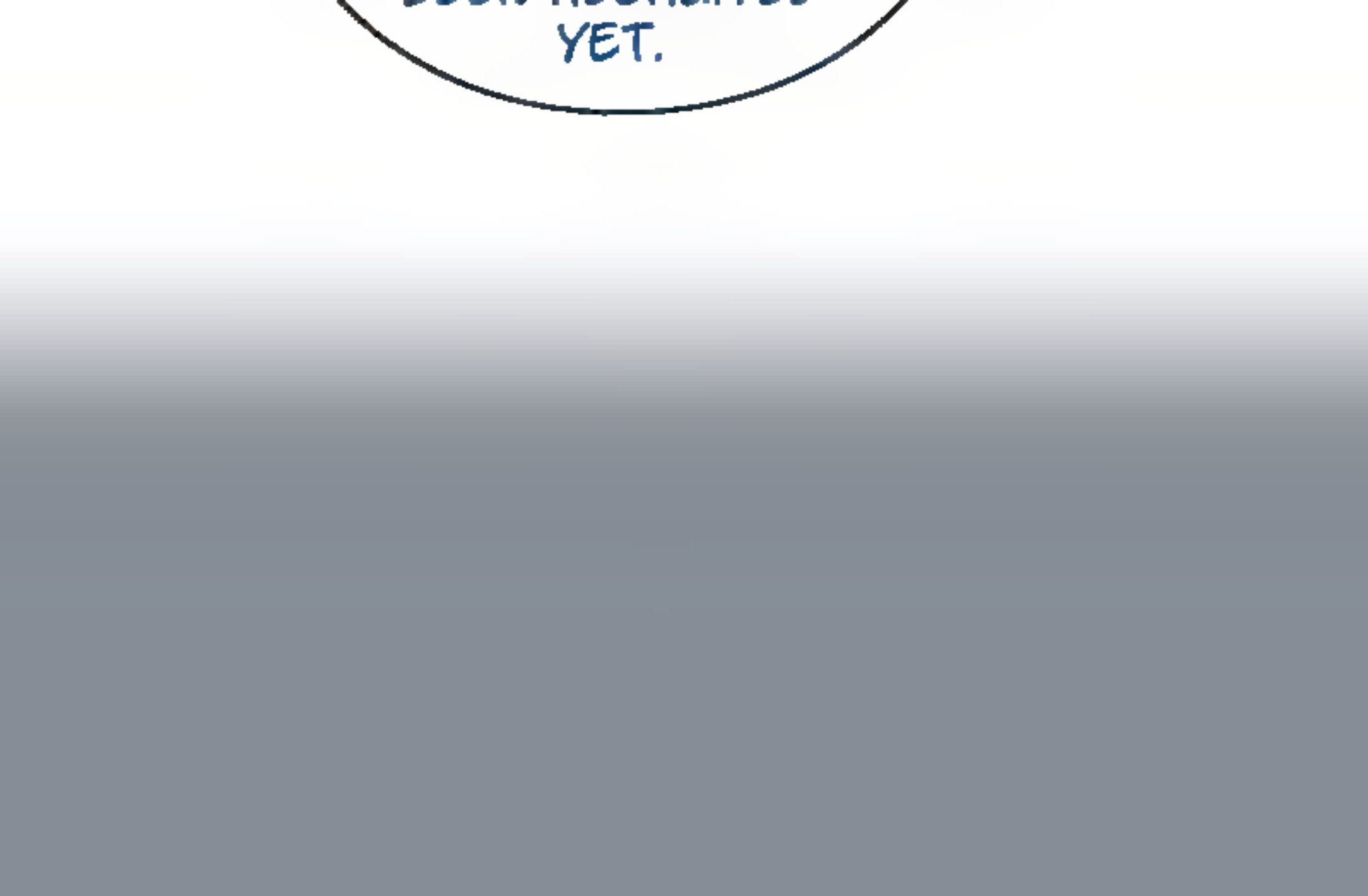
TIME TRAVEL! DUH!

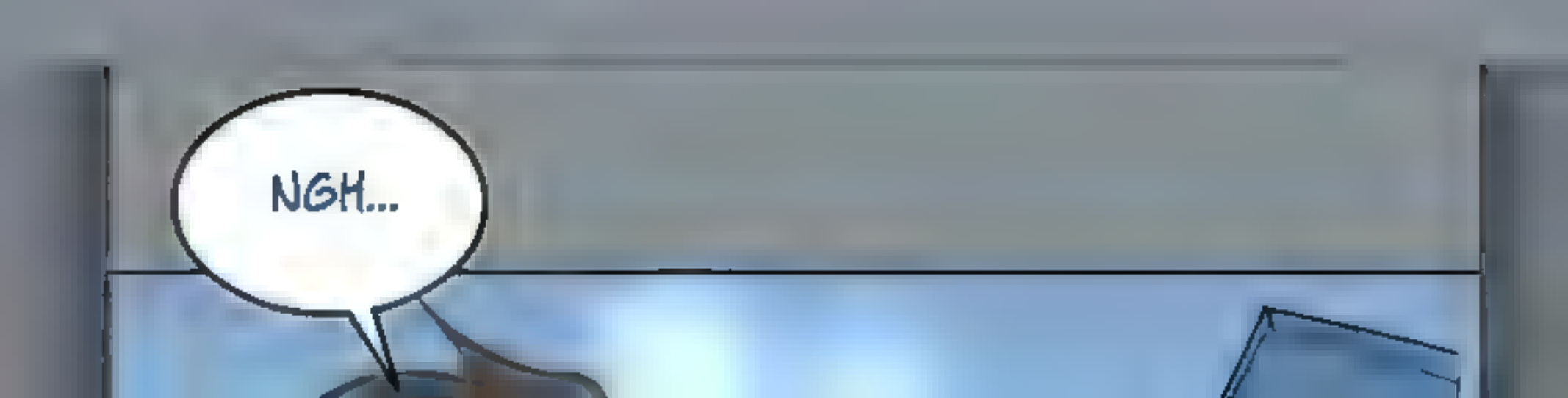
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID WE DID THINGS WE CAN'T REMEMBER



SO THAT'S WHY THEY DIDN'T REMEMBER WHO I WAS...
THIS WAS


BEFORE EVERYONE
CAME TO THE ROOM
OF SWORDS...I'VE
PROBABLY NOT
BEEN RECRUITED

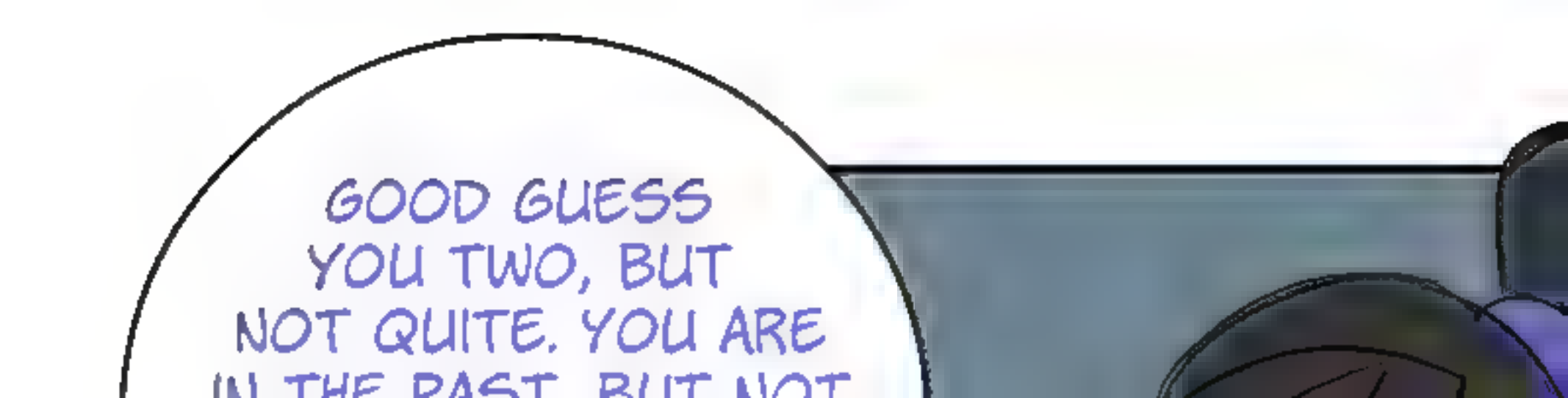

YET.

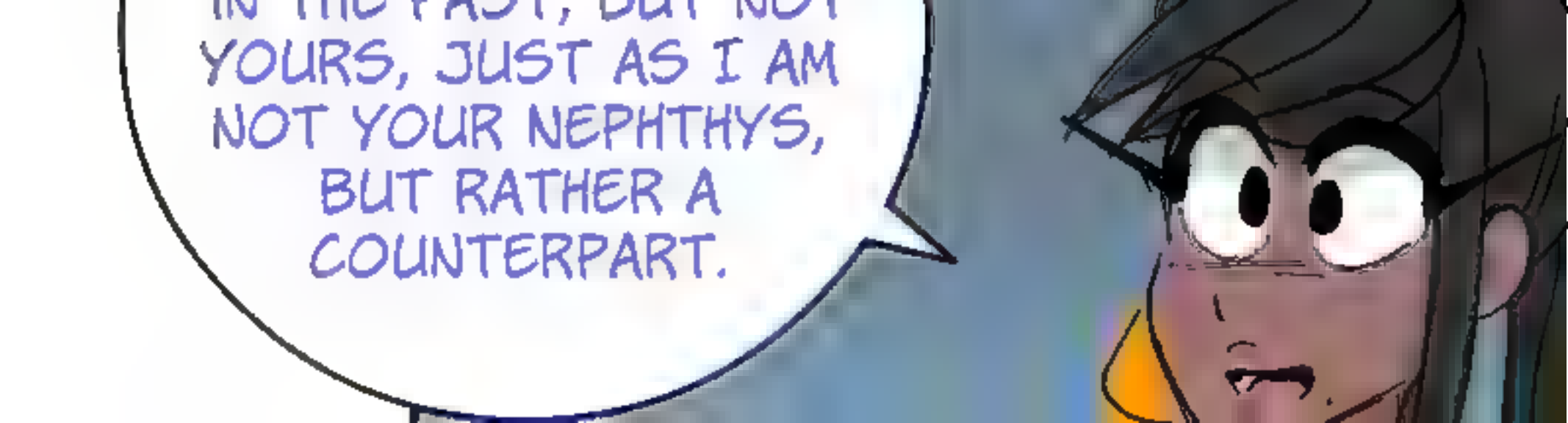

NGH...

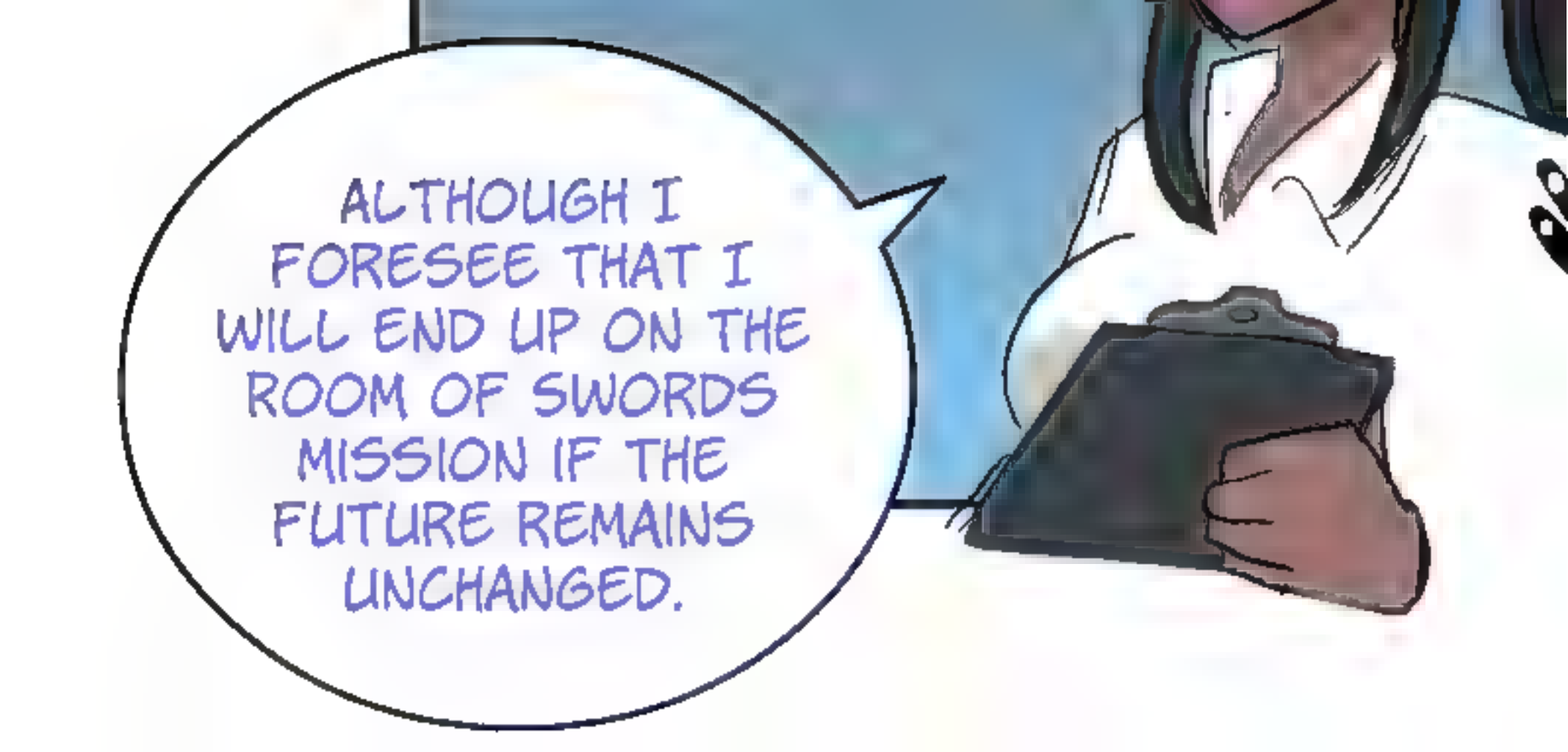
THOR'S HAMMER...

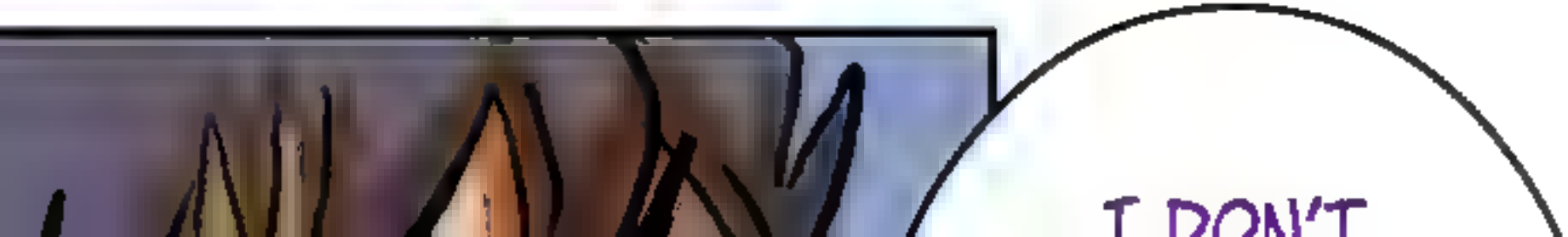
...WHO
ARE YOU?

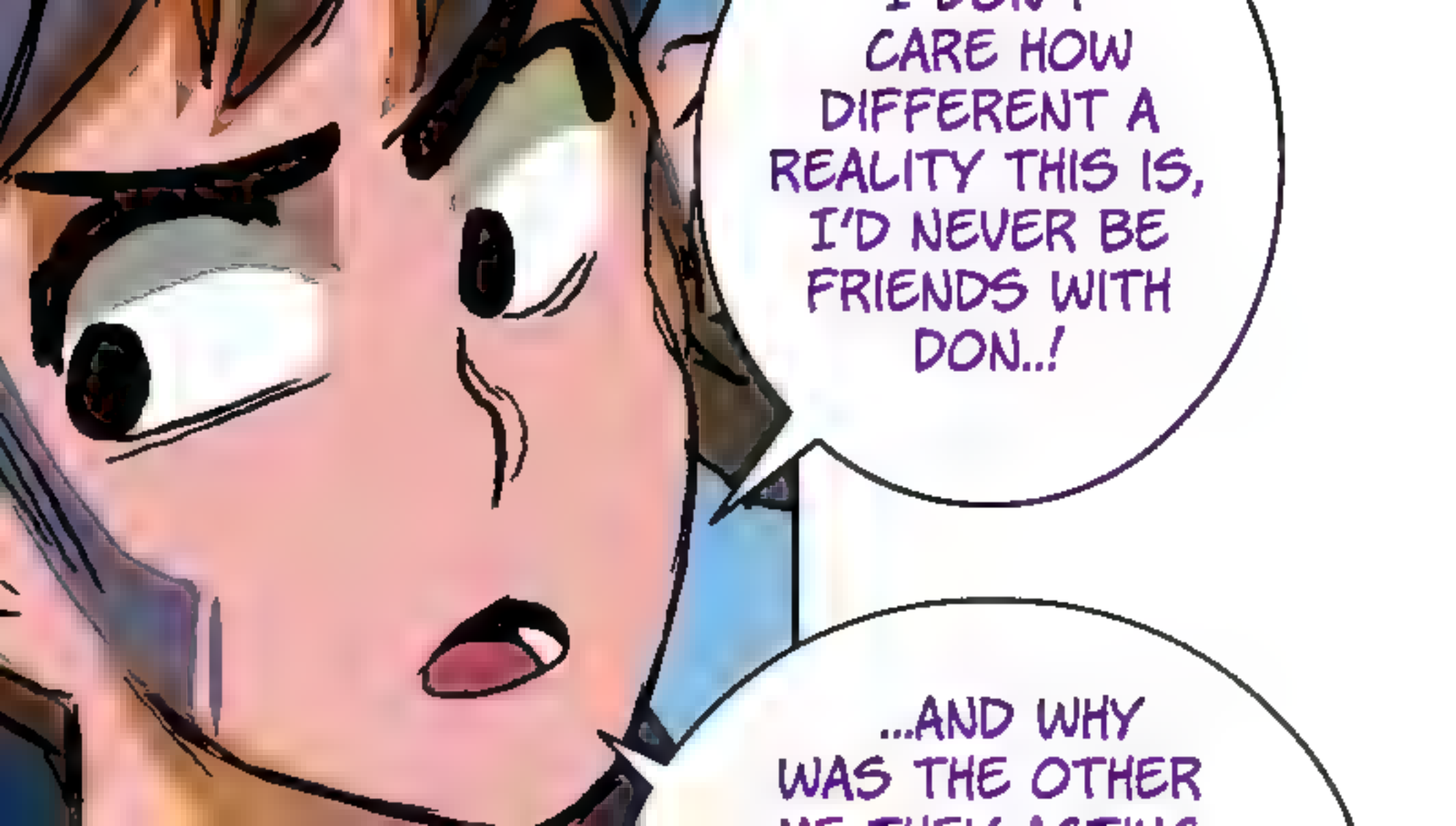
RAGAN


GOOD GUESS YOU TWO, BUT NOT QUITE. YOU ARE


IN THE PAST, BUT NOT YOURS, JUST AS I AM NOT YOUR NEPHTHYS, BUT RATHER A COUNTERPART.


ALTHOUGH I FORESEE THAT I WILL END UP ON THE ROOM OF SWORDS MISSION IF THE FUTURE REMAINS UNCHANGED.


I DON'T


I DON'T CARE HOW DIFFERENT A REALITY THIS IS, I'D NEVER BE FRIENDS WITH DON..!
...AND WHY WAS THE OTHER

ME THEY ACTING
LIKE THIS SO CALLED
AMELIA WAS THE
FOUNDER OF VSC
IN HIS WEIRD ASS
CONVERSATION?

HOW COULD THE VSC EVEN EXIST WITHOUT MASIOSARE? HE IS THE FOUNDER.

...THEN AGAIN
WE DO KNOW
THE RIFTS ARE

ACCESS POINTS TO SOME SORT OF ALTERNATE DIMENSION...

PERHAPS THERE ARE CERTAIN CONSTANTS ACROSS TIME AND SPACE...

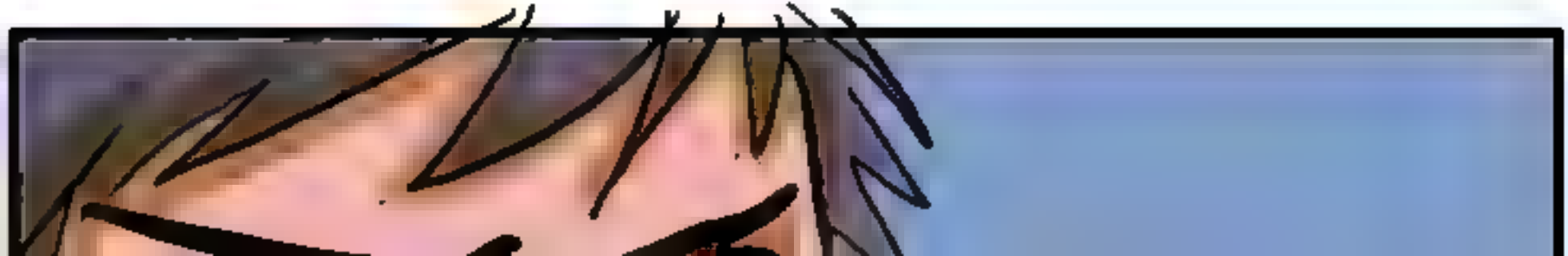
...LIKE HOW THE VSC ALWAYS EXISTS, EVEN IF MASIOSARE IS THE FOUNDER OF VSC IN OUR

DIMENSION, BUT
NOT HERE.

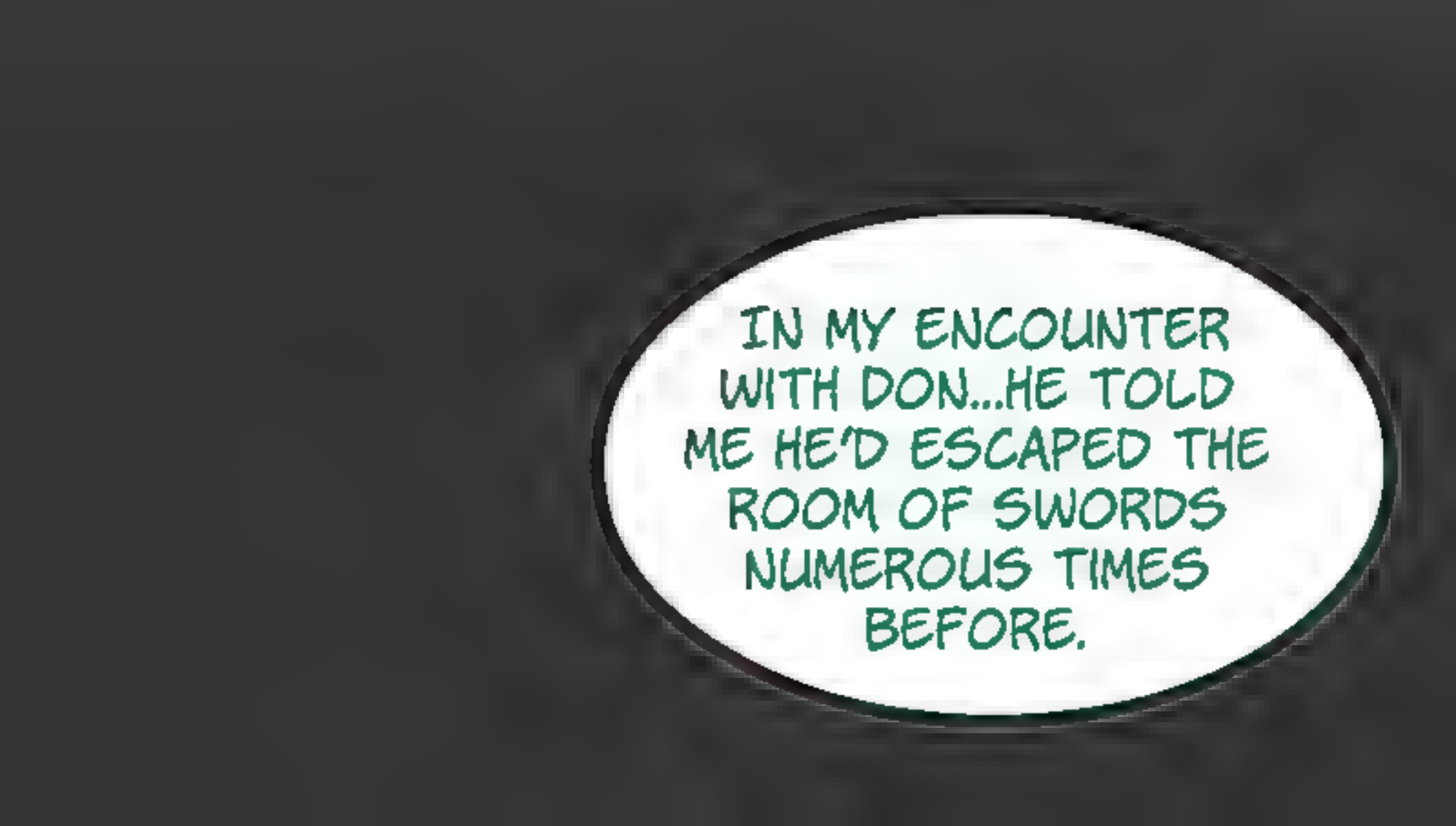
IT'S NOT EXACTLY A DIMENSION.
HUH?

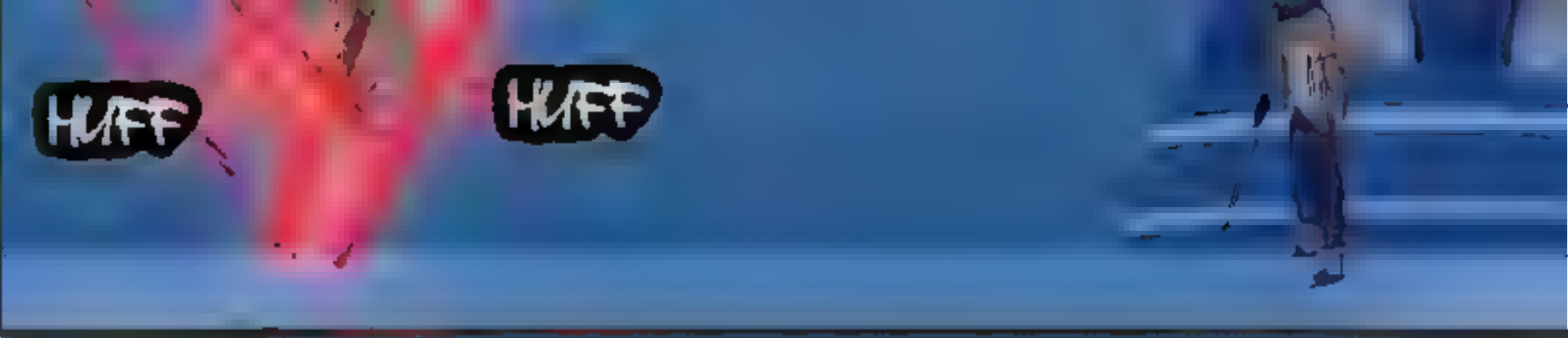
THE RIFTS
ARE CONNECTIONS
BETWEEN TWO

RECURSIONS.



RECURSIONS? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?


IN MY ENCOUNTER WITH DON...HE TOLD ME HE'D ESCAPED THE ROOM OF SWORDS NUMEROUS TIMES BEFORE.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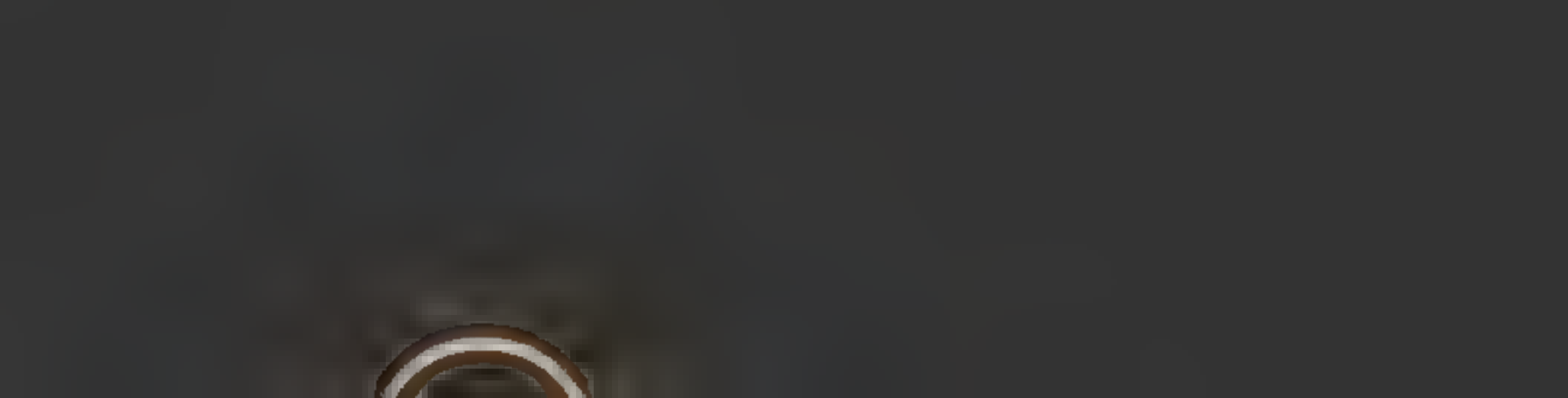
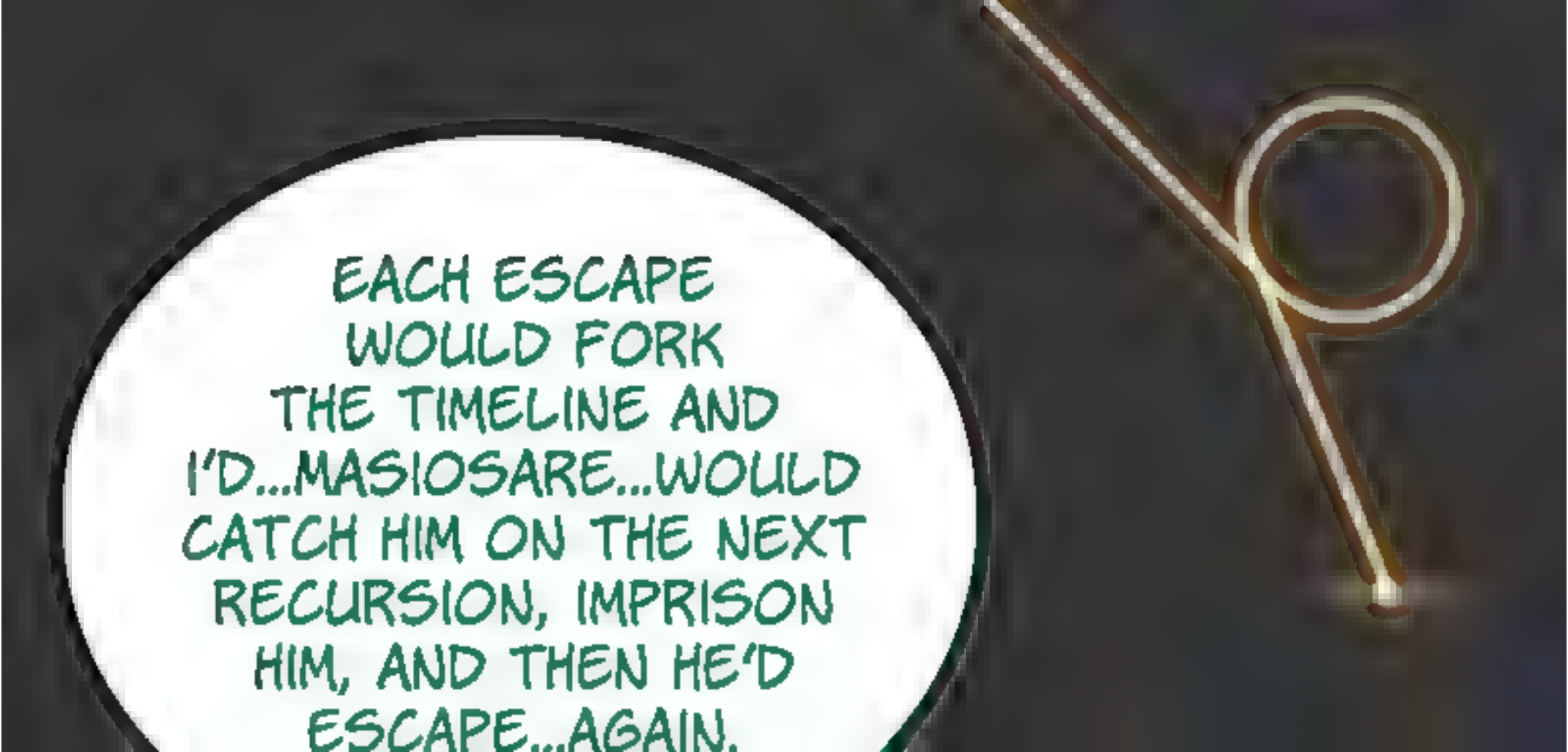
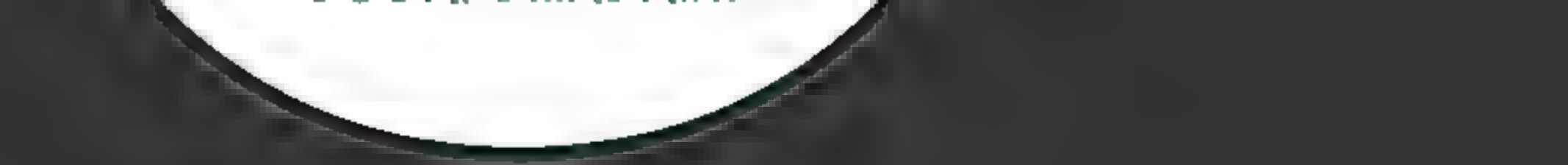
HUFF



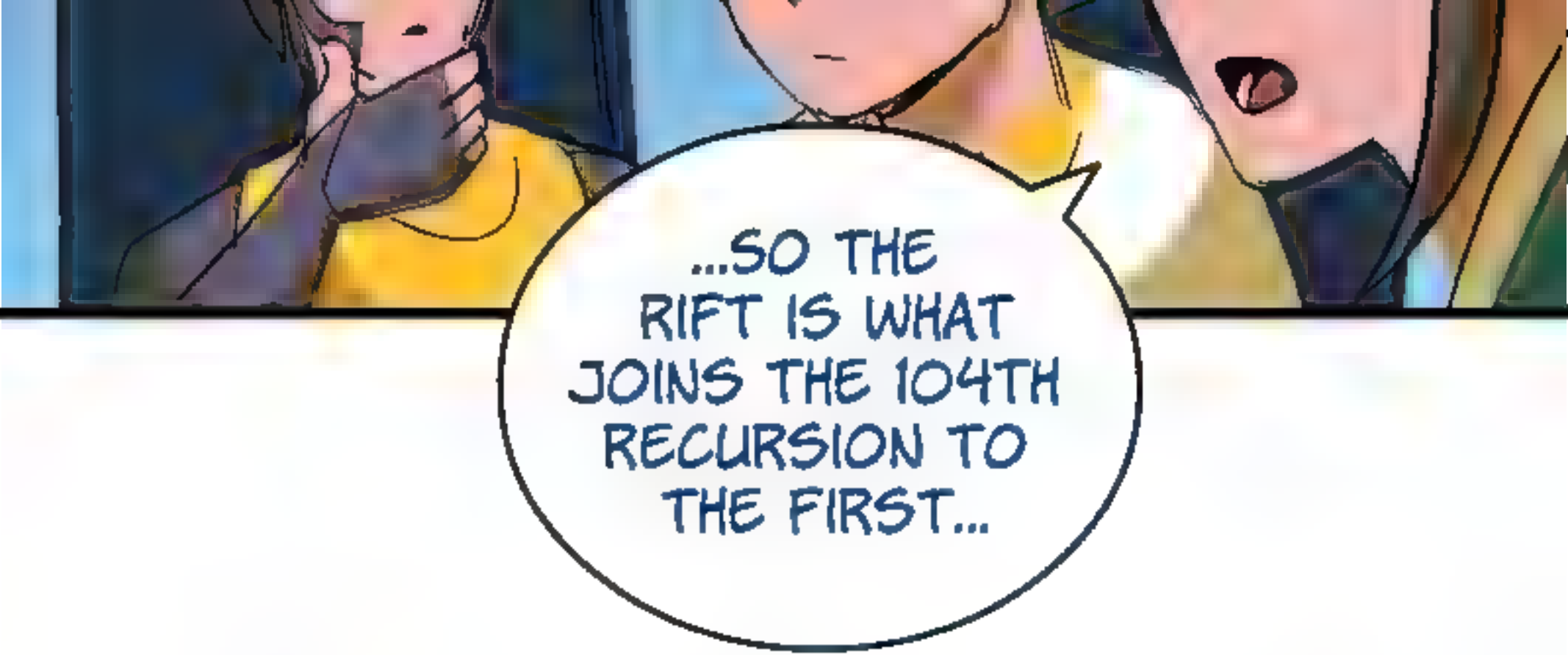

EACH ESCAPE WOULD FORK THE TIMELINE AND I'D...MASIOSARE...WOULD CATCH HIM ON THE NEXT RECURSION, IMPRISON HIM, AND THEN HE'D ESCAPE...AGAIN.



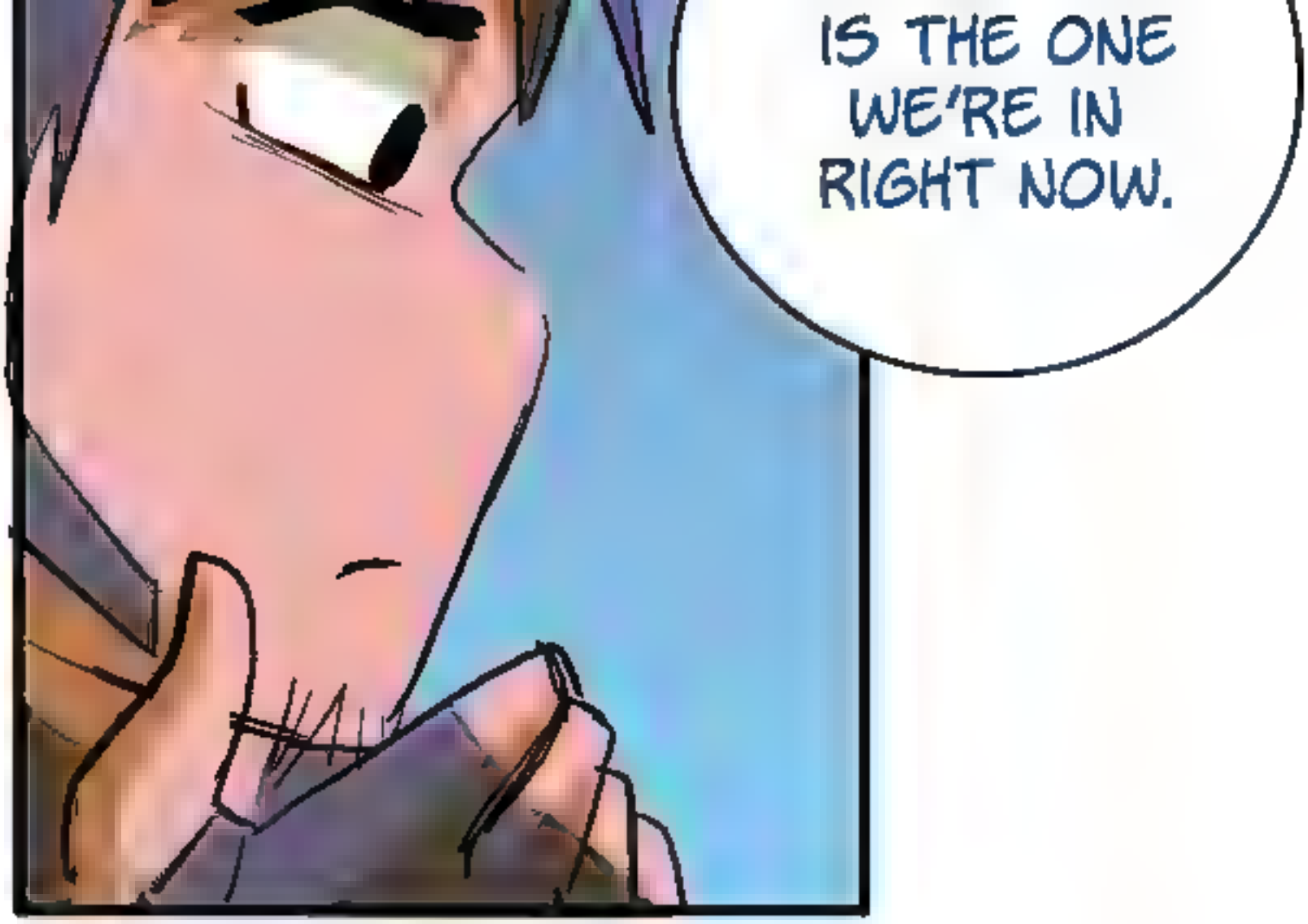
RIFT
RECURSION
1
RECURSION
104

WE'VE
REACHED THE
LAST RECURSION..
104TH...

THE LAST
RECURSION?
INTERESTING...


...SO THE RIFT IS WHAT JOINS THE 104TH RECURSION TO THE FIRST...

..WHICH


IS THE ONE
WE'RE IN
RIGHT NOW.

AH!

WOW...HAHA...I GET IT!

IT'S ALL A PART OF THE PLAN.

MASIOSARE TRULY HAS THOUGHT OF EVERYTHING HUH?

CAPTAIN?

YOU'LL DO GREAT, CADET!

..OR WE CAN TAKE A CHANCE.

WE CAN

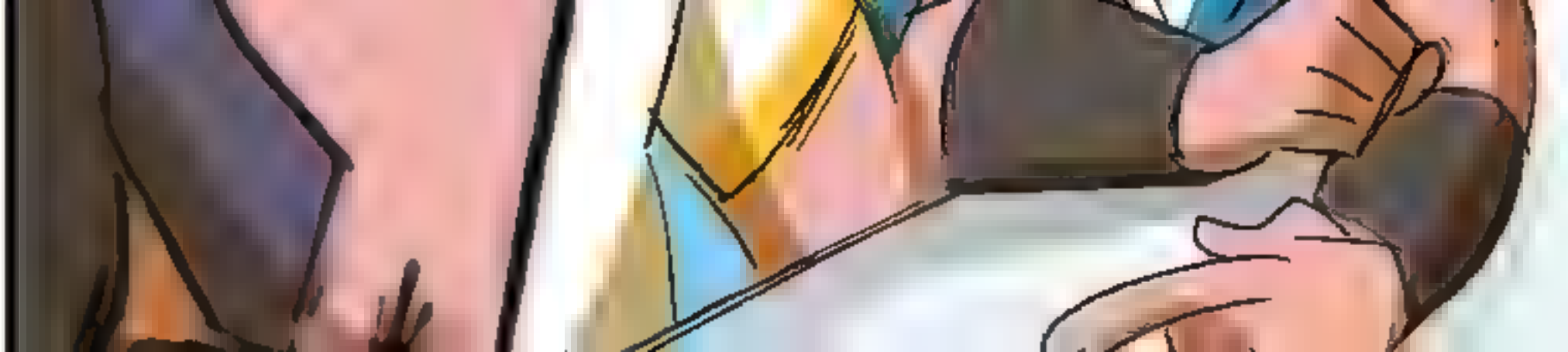
WE CAN
DEFEAT DON WITHOUT
MASIOSARE'S HELP,
WE'VE DONE IT
BEFORE, WHY
SHOULDN'T WE
TRY AGAIN?

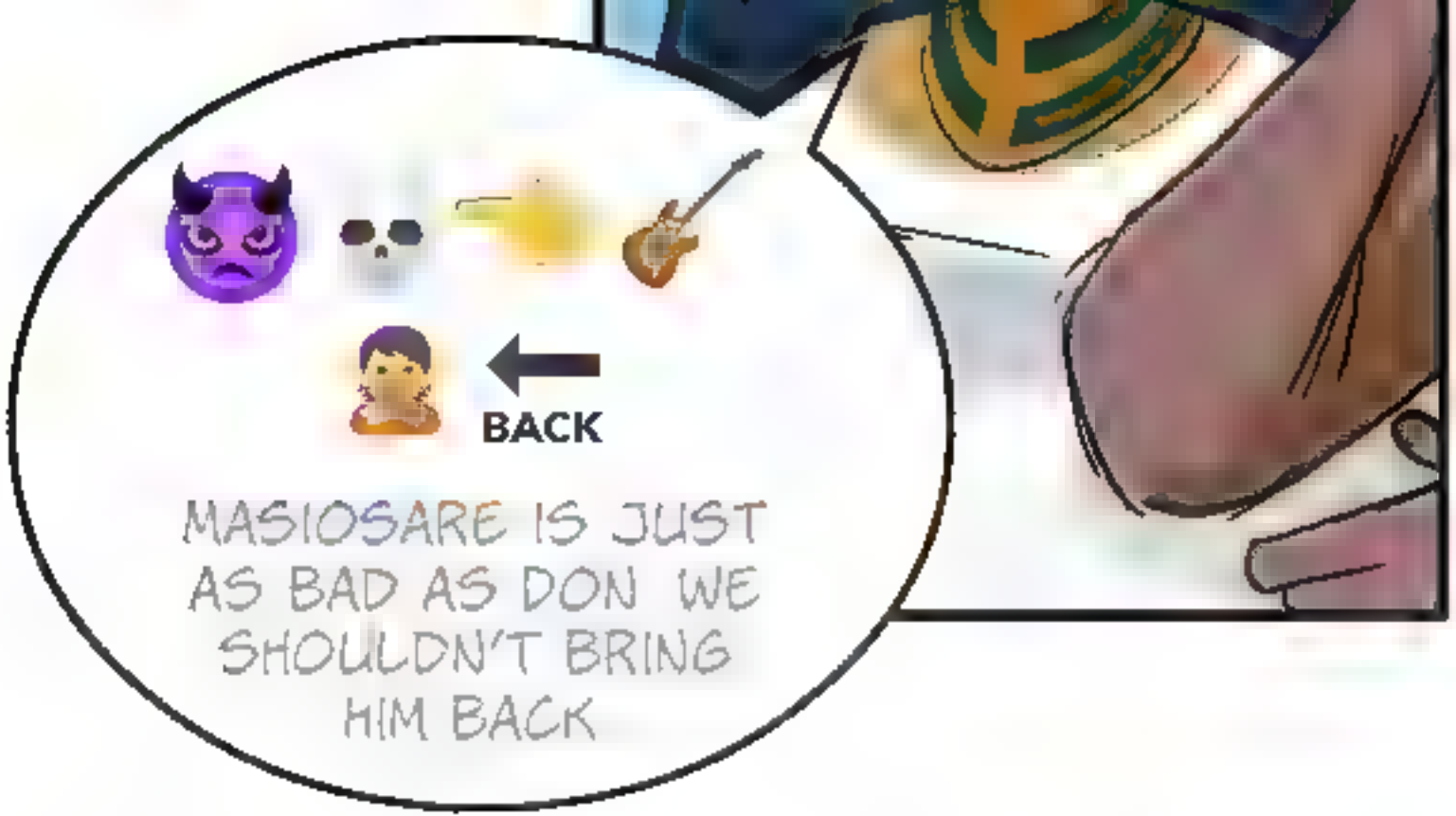
WHAT!? YOU'RE SERIOUS? YOU DIDN'T DEFEAT HIM, DON ESCAPED!
WE NEED MASIOSARE TO BUILD THE ROOM OF SWORDS SO WE STILL HAVE A CHANCE TO

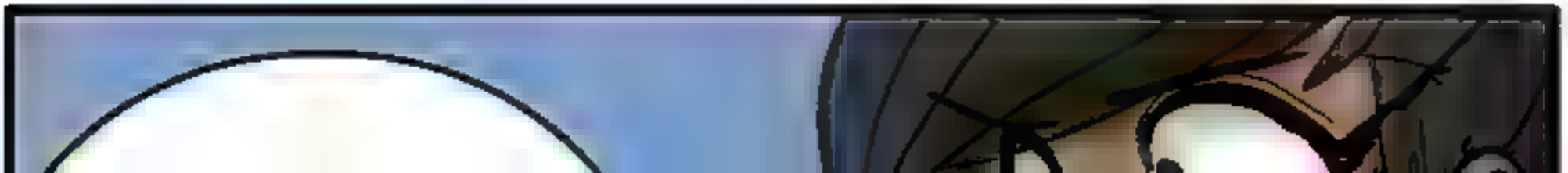
CONTAIN HIM?

EASY FOR

YOU TO SAY, YOU WEREN'T SENT TO THE ROOM OF SWORDS AND IMPRISONED ALONG WITH HIM.




BACK
MASIOSARE IS JUST AS BAD AS DON WE SHOULDN'T BRING HIM BACK



AREN'T YOU GETTING A LITTLE AHEAD OF YOURSELVES?

WE'VE GOT TO GET THE SWORDS BEFORE DON DOES, OR IT WON'T MATTER WHAT WE INTEND.

BESIDES, IT'S STILL TO EARLY TO FOR MASIOSARE TO APPEAR, SO YOU HAVE TIME TO DECIDE. DO YOU KNOW WHERE

YOU'RE GOING NEXT?

YES!
WE HAVE TO
GO BACK TO 104
AND FIND TORI

AND HER
SWORD.

ROLL
SOUNDS

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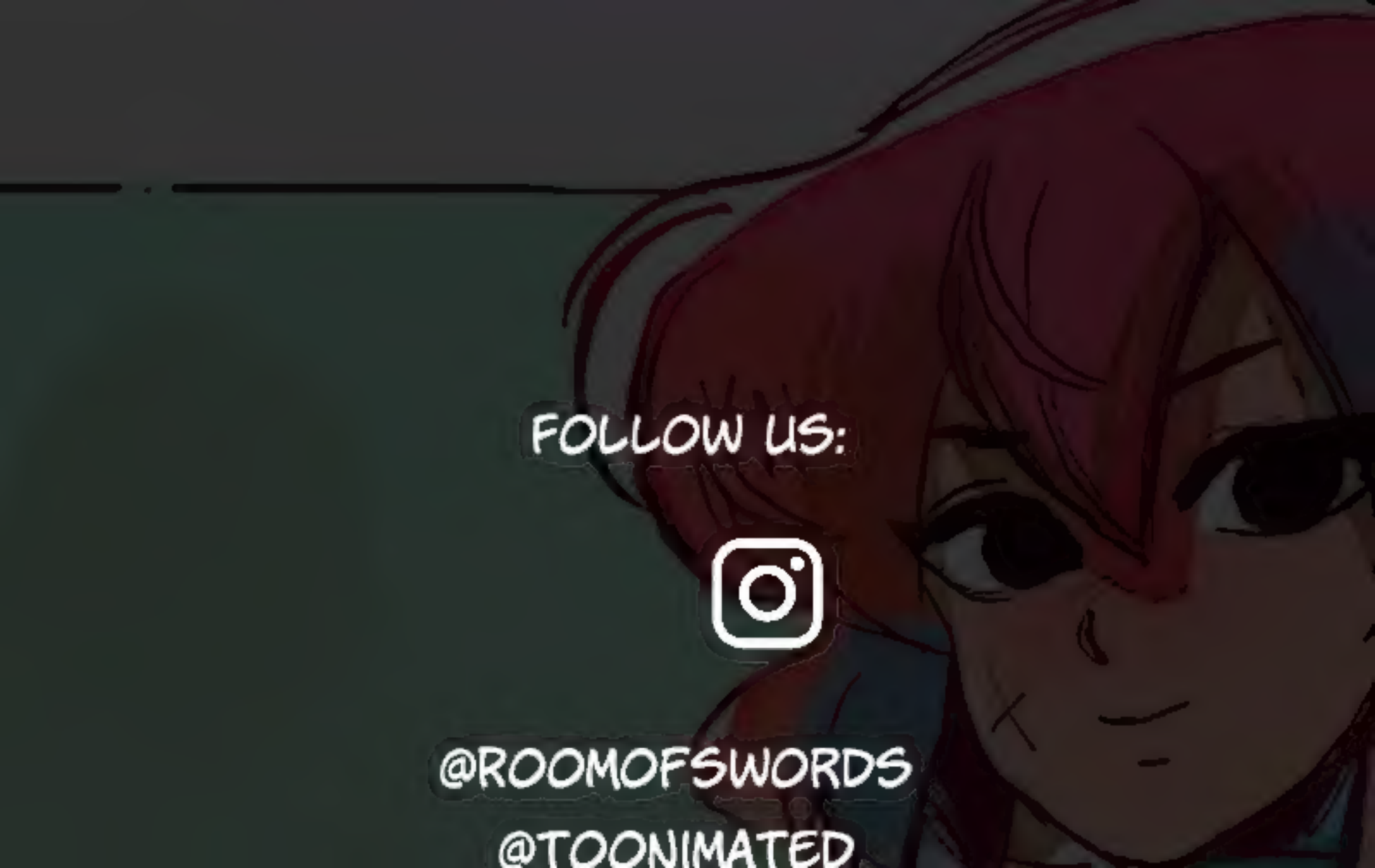
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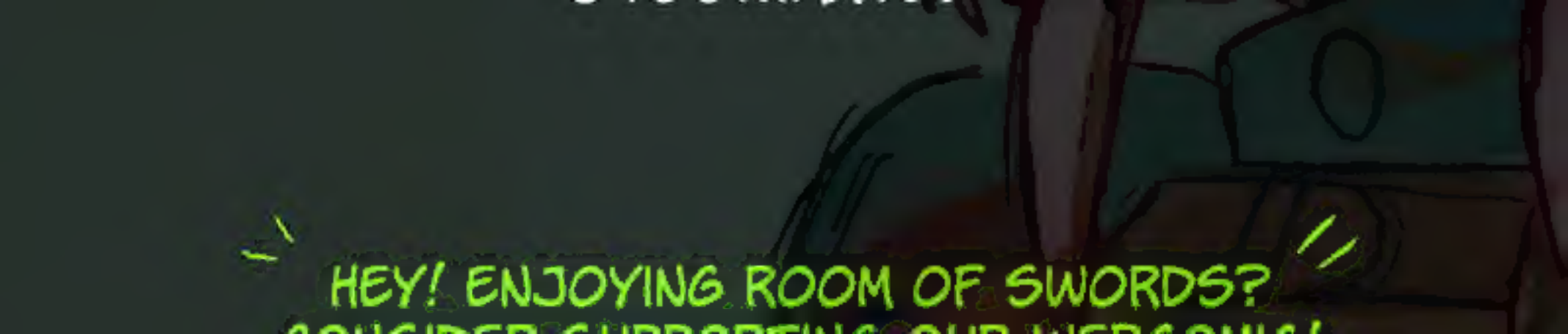
HEY! ENJOYING ROOM OF SWORDS?

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